Minutes of August 2010 were approved.

Conference update. The preliminary conference approval form has been submitted. 2 out of 3 speakers have done their presenter agreement forms. Mary reviewed the program content for newbies. Monica will ask April for a snappy title.

Banned Books Week roundtable. We reported on what we did for BBW – lots of displays with “caution” tape, a Constitution Day showcase with IF quotes, and attending a webinar on Banned Books.

Glennor Shirley’s Jamaican dinner. About 8 people, including 3 from IFAP, shared a fine dinner prepared by Glennor. Thanks to Mary, April, and Pat for supporting the Silent Auction!

New Business.
• Mary will send us a banned books PowerPoint that could be used at the Conference.
• Mary shared a post from a library student at Rutgers who is inspired by the way the library profession champions intellectual freedom.
• Mary will send us info on funding from ALA for banned books programs.
• Monica suggested sponsoring a “read-out” next year, possibly at the Baltimore Book Festival. Have people read from banned/challenged books and discuss what those books mean to the reader. Ann wants to help!

DISCUSSION TOPICS
These articles spurred discussion about the wide application of the First Amendment in defending controversial expression:
http://tinyurl.com/22q8fds “Free speech helped avert Quran burning”

We then went on to discuss privacy, and the US government’s idea of being able to shut down the entire Internet as a security measure.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 1, 12:30 at The Broadneck Grill in Annapolis:
www.broadneckgrill.com/directions.htm

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