

PURSES & BAGS

Cheryl Mills, Product Custodian PURSES & BAGS

This section received over 450 items from members and generous others. Seventy percent of the stock sold.

The items received were of very good quality. Customers commented on the variety and quality of products at the sale. We had an excellent selection of items from \$5 to \$110.

The best sellers were handbags, backpacks, wallets, wine carriers, project bags, and the S.L.I.P. (Secret Little Item Pouch).

Tote bags were a difficult sale. We had 46 at the beginning of the sale and 36 remained at the end. Because these unsold bags were made out of nice quilting cottons, some makers are taking bags made by the anonymous donors and using them to construct some new items. Another type of item that was a slow seller was the clutch. Buyers want a handle or wrist or shoulder strap on their bag.

There were 17 items carried over from the 2017 sale that did not sell so they were returned to their owners or donated to the St. John Reception Centre. The Reception Centre registers students new to Canada and connects the families with settlement services.

Total Sales from Bags and Purses was \$9709.