

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee

November 29, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Millstadt Library

The Fundraising Committee Meeting was held to discuss the finalization of upcoming fundraising events and to learn more about how to help with the annexation. Those in attendance were board vice president, Jennifer Bernstein, board president, Bob Englebretson, Library trustee, Patti French, and library director, Nichole Lauko. Jennifer Gratteau and Joyce Herman were also present.

Old Business: The Halloween Bake sale took in \$459.75 and the Picture It! Event at Millpond Brewing raised \$1310.00 plus a \$275.00 check from Millpond Brewing for 20% of the earnings that night. After expenses, the painting event earned \$1349.37. Holiday Open House was organized.

New Business: The committee met with John Chrastka of EveryLibrary over Zoom to talk about how the Friends and Fundraising group can help with the upcoming annexation of the school district. It was decided that the group should help with creating a poll and polling around 200 residents inside and outside of the village limits. The group will try to organize these polls before the Christmas holiday. Afterwards, the findings can be used to see how the library stands in favor and opposition of the new project and annexation. If positive, the group can use these findings to resend letters to possible donors.

The Fundraising group also focused on the finishing details of the upcoming Holiday Open House. Several local restaurants are donating food that will need to be picked up, including Tito's, Reinhardt's, IGA, Ott's, Roy-El Catering, China King and Spike's. Patti French will bring the Santa chairs and a friend of Jennifer Bernstein will play Santa. Baskets were submitted by local businesses and organized by Patti French, Jennifer Bernstein and Jennifer Gratteau. All Friends members present at the meeting will be volunteering at the event.

The next fundraisers will be a Book Sale in January and the group will be looking into a virtual 5K for February.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko