

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee

July 23, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Millstadt Library

The Fundraising Committee Meeting was held to discuss upcoming fundraising events. Those in attendance were library director, Nichole Lauko, and others in attendance were Mary Agnes Schlather, Roxanne Amos, Kim Atkins, Arlene Glaeser, Liz Lange, Dawn Kohnen, and Cyndi Hasenstab. Fundraising Committee Member, Bob Englebreton was absent.

Guests and Appearances:

Old Business:

- 1) Total Funds Balance as of 07/16/2026: \$76,951.68
 - a. With pledge: \$121,951.68

New Business

- 1) Field Trip to Columbia's Friends of the Library
 - a. July 27 at 7 p.m., carpool at library at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Murder Mystery Dinner
 - a. The event will be on Saturday, September 19 at 5 p.m. with RSVPs due on September 5
 - b. Website and RunSignUp are posted – the group checked the information and made a correction to a pricing typo. Nichole will get a FB event up.
 - c. Event images created and reviewed.
 - d. List of sponsorships was reviewed. No changes made. Looking for an Event sponsor. It was requested that members reach out to potential donors instead of doing a mass mailing.
 - e. Cyndi will drop off flyers around town. We will wait a few days to see if we have an event sponsor. We will also make a sandwich board sign to advertise the event and ask Central Bank to help us advertise.
 - f. VFW is a venue sponsor and Atkins Acres Educational Farm is a dessert sponsor.
 - g. Deposit and contract has been sent to Jest for entertainment and Grand Rental for tables. VFW contract and cost will be sent at the next board meeting and we are waiting until a closer date for the final Loose Ends contract. We will only have 96 seats available.
 - h. Requests were made for members to reach out to donors for baskets. Confirmed items are; Mary Agnes Basket, Library Basket, and Nichole Basket.
 - i. Liz and her husband have created 3D printed items for the tables, including body outline table toppers, weapons, characters, and CLUE cards for everyone to take home. There will be at least one black CLUE card which will be used as a prize giveaway – either for a special item or for centerpieces.
 - j. Nichole will send out the tax exempt letter and revised Gala donation letter to members.

The next Friends and Fundraising meeting will be held Thursday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko