

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee

May 28, 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, Fundraising Committee Member, Bob Englebretson, and others in attendance were Mary Agnes Schlather, Cyndi Hasenstab, Roxanne Amos, Kim Atkins, Jenny Bernstein, Arlene Glaeser, Liz Lange, and Dawn Kohnen.

Guests and Appearances:

Old Business:

- 1) Total Funds Balance as of 05/19/2026: \$76,210.43
 - a. With pledge: \$121,210.43
- 2) Village-Wide Yard Sale, Book Sale on May 2 at 7 a.m.
 - a) Thank you to Megan for running the book sale. Thank you to Emma for her help. Thank you to Ken Martin for dropping off remaining items at Goodwill. Thank you to Mary Agnes and Linda for helping with the sale. Thank you to Mary Agnes and Nichole for helping set up the sale.
 - b) Total earned was \$416.25

New Business

- 1) Summer Reading Volunteers
 - a. A sheet was passed around for volunteer sign-ups to help the librarians with Summer Reading for mostly Mondays and Fridays for hour increments.
- 2) Play Rehearsal Volunteers
 - a. Members were asked if they would like to volunteer to help watch play practices on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Anyone interested just needs to reach out.
- 3) Field Trip to Columbia's Friends of the Library
 - a. Next meeting is July 7, 2026 at 7 p.m.
- 4) Murder Mystery Dinner
 - a. Dawn has prior experience with organizing the murder mystery dinners for other organizations and for the library's referendum. Dawn explained how the events work. She suggested Jest Entertainment who she has worked with before and discussed some of the themes that were possible.
 - b. Dates were discussed for the event and Nichole will reach out to the VFW for ideally, Saturday, September 19. Other options will be Sunday, September 20 or Sunday, September 27. Dawn will reach out to Jest to verify their cost and availability for the dates suggested.
 - c. Catering was briefly discussed and we will most likely reach out to Roy-El Catering. Dawn suggested homemade desserts as she has done at past events. We will decide if we want to rent tables.
 - d. It was suggested to have event sponsors for specific things, such as Venue, Show, Food, and Tables. We'll also look at doing a small silent auction/raffle.
 - e. We would like to get information into the July Newsletter if possible.

The next Friends and Fundraising meeting will be held Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko