

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee
October 27, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Millstadt Library

The Fundraising Committee Meeting was held to discuss upcoming fundraising events. Those in attendance were Fundraising Committee members, Bob Englebretson and Patti French, and library director, Nichole Lauko, Others in attendance were, Mary Agnes Schlather, Arlene Glaeser, Liz Lange, Linda Hopfinger, and Roxanne Amos.

Guests and Appearances:

Old Business:

- 1) Total Funds Balance as of 10/19/2025: \$68,231.15
 - a. With pledge: \$113,231.15

New Business

1) Paranormal Fundraiser

1. Friday, October 17 with a presentation at Ott's at 5 p.m.
2. Thank you to Terry Davinroy and Ott's for hosting our presentation. Thank you to Ara Robbins and Brian Huxley of Village Paranormal Investigations for presenting and leading two investigations as well as donating a paranormal kit for a raffle. Thank you to Mary Agnes Schlather for helping with the event.
3. Presentation Attendance: 40 people
4. 6:30 p.m. Investigation: 15 people
5. 8 p.m. Investigation: 10 people
6. Ticket earnings: \$750.00 | Donations: \$110.00 | Raffle Earnings: \$81
7. Total: \$881.00 with splitting it in half with the Senior Center: \$440.50

2) Baked Goods Auction

1. Auction starts on October 17 and ends on October 24. Pick up will be on Oct 25.
2. Overall, we had 32 items entered and the overall earnings were \$1,730.00. \$40.00 was spent on the plaque. Total earnings as of now are: \$1,690.00
3. There were no major issues. After discussion, it was decided to host another Bake Sale in spring in place of the Tea Party. We will look into having the auction site do automatic withdrawals for winning bids which will slightly eat into earnings. It was a two-step process and confusing for some bidders and the extra cost may be beneficial for future events.
4. Thank you to everyone who donated, bid, and shared information. Thank you to Roxanne Amos for handing out many fliers and reaching out to some local bakers.

3) Upcoming Events:

1. Thank you to Patti French for putting together a basket for St. James Dinner Auction. We have promised a basket for MCS.
2. Holiday Gift Wrapping in December

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- 1) Sister Cities will allow us to do gift wrapping at Weinachstfest. At the November meeting we will have sign-ups for availability for the event and for weekends in December to wrap at the library.
3. Virtual 5K in January
 - 1) Tickets are live. We will be researching local vendors for the best price for headbands for participants. Sign-ups must be complete by December 15 to ensure a headband.
4. Historical Society Tree-Fest
 - 1) Will enter something for the Tree-Fest for the Historical Society. Entries are due early November.
5. Discussed planning a larger fundraiser that isn't food reliant. Possibly a Line Dancing fundraiser at the VFW on a Friday night.
- 4) Membership Drive Committee:
 1. Some possible upcoming programs are Weinachstfest

The next Friends and Fundraising meeting will be held Monday, November 24 at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko