

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee
September 29, 2025
3:00 p.m.
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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 09/19/2025: \$67,858.74
 - a. With pledge: \$112,858.74

New Business

1) Possible Paranormal Fundraiser

1. Friday, October 17 with a presentation at Ott's at 5 p.m. – RSVPs open and as of 09/29/2025 we have 16 sign-ups.
2. Will then host two paranormal investigations at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. – RSVPs open. As of 09/29/2025 we have 16 paid investigation sign-ups. 10 for 6:30 p.m. and 6 for 8 p.m.
3. Currently, we have \$480 in ticket sales and \$110 in donations for a total of \$590 or \$295 each.
4. The investigation team will also be donating an investigation kit to be raffled at the library with \$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6. The drawing will take place after the free presentation.

2) Baked Goods Auction

1. Auction starts on October 17 and ends on October 24. Pick up will be on Oct 25.
2. Entries are open and can be submitted online or in-person until October 15.
 - 1) Please continue to share the event.
 - 2) Roxanne has dropped off several fliers to different businesses and will continue to reach out to potential entrants.
3. Entries must be dropped off starting Oct 24 and no later than 10 a.m. on Oct 25.
 - 1) Roxanne and Nichole will accept items at the library from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
4. Nichole will work on the plaque and send it out for approval before ordering.

3) Upcoming Events:

1. Basket for St. James Dinner Auction needs to be prepared. We have promised a basket for MCS.
2. Holiday Gift Wrapping in December
3. Virtual 5K in January
4. Tea Party, March 21
 - 1) Linda will reach out to a family member of a CAVE representative to see if students would want to donate items/time. Patti will get the event

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penciled in on Zion's calendar. If CAVE does not work out, we can reach out to the Civic Club to see if they would like to donate items. A full silent auction was also suggested – items would need to be gathered.

5. Historical Society Tree-Fest

- 1) Will enter something for the Tree-Fest for the Historical Society. Entries are due early November.

4) Membership Drive Committee:

1. Some possible upcoming programs are Ghoul's Night Out, Optimist Chili Cook-Off, Weinachstfest

- 1) Nichole will be representing the library at Ghoul's Night Out with a table at Dixie Grace. Patti volunteered to rep the Friends. We will have bath salt crafts.
- 2) Nichole will reach out to the Optimists for options to participate and reach out the Sister Cities to see if it would be possible to host gift wrapping at the event.

The next Friends and Fundraising meeting will be held Monday, October 27 at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko