

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee

June 30, 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, Patti French and library director, Nichole Lauko, Others in attendance were, Liz Lange, Mary Agnes Schlather, Linda Hopfinger, Arlene Glaeser, Roxanne Amos, and Jenny Bernstein.

Guests and Appearances:

Old Business:

- 1) Total Funds Balance as of 06/23/2025: \$61,308.21
 - a. With pledge: \$106,308.21
- 2) Outdoor Book Sale
 - a. Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - i. 40 people
 - ii. \$192.90 earned
- 3) PictureIt!
 - i. Tuesday, July 29 at Millpond at 6 p.m. – RSVPs due July 18
 - ii. 6 tickets sold, will cancel if there are not at least 20-30 tickets
 - iii. Will wait until RSVP date to cancel the event if needed

New Business

1) Possible Paranormal Fundraiser

1. Saturday, October 18 with a presentation at the library at 5 p.m.
2. Will then host two paranormal investigations at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
3. Amount to charge will be decided once the space has been assessed by Ara and her team. Raised money will be shared between the Senior Center and the Library.

2) Next Events

1. Planning for 2025-2026 events has progressed. It was suggested that Friends take leadership on different programs with the support of the library director. Most tasks will involve getting the moving pieces together. The committees are listed under the events.
2. Upcoming Events:
 - 1) Summer Reading Pool Party on July 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 1. Jenny and Patti will set up a table.
 - 2) PictureIt on July 29
 1. Jenny
 - 3) Summer Social
 1. Jenny and Patti
 - 4) Membership drive in on September 18.
 1. Bob and Linda

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- a. Possibly a coffee and donuts?
- 5) Paranormal Program on October 18
 1. Mary Agnes
- 6) Baked Goods Auction with call to action in September, Auction starting on October 17, auction ending on October 24, and auction pick up on October 25
 1. Roxanne
- 7) Holiday Gift Wrapping in December on weekends
 1. Nichole will set up Sign-Up Genius to schedule volunteers
3. 2026
 - 1) Virtual 5K in January
 1. Jenny
 - 2) The return of the Tea Party on Saturday, March 21
 1. Patti, Liz, Jenny
 - 3) National Library Week round up again, the week of April 5 – 11
 1. Bob and Linda
 - 4) Book Sale on May 2
4. Discussed having a focus on the Friends Group at other community events, like the library does. Such as going out to Chamber events, Optimist events, and more.
 - 1) Baskets can be made for upcoming community auctions, like the St. James Annual Dinner.
 1. Patti
 - 2) It was discussed to have new shirts
 1. Roxanne

The next Friends and Fundraising meeting will be held Monday, July 28 at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko