

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee  
May 19, 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, and Jenny Bernstein.

**Guests and Appearances:**

**Old Business:**

- 1) Total Funds Balance as of 04/30/2025: \$60,387.20
  - a. With pledge: \$105,387.20
- 2) National Library Week
  - a. Thank you to everyone who came out to the open house.
  - b. Thank you to Lee's Home Center and Barb Green and her team for helping us raise \$250 by rounding up at the register
- 3) Outdoor Book Sale
  - a. Thank you to Patti French for helping the librarians set up for the book sale and to the Millstadt Historical Society for organizing the Annual Yard Sale
    - i. 285 people
    - ii. \$713.35 earned
- 4) PictureIt!
  - i. Verified Tuesday, July 29 at 6 p.m. for the event at Millpond. Jenny has worked on the actual painting. Registrations are ready online, at the library, and at Millpond.

**New Business**

- 1) Membership Drive/Creating a yearly/monthly giving/membership/member only events
  1. Draft Membership Brochure
    - 1) Final version was printed, no changes.
    - 2) Nichole to see if there are any options to breakdown membership into a monthly recurring cost.
    - 3) Discussion was had on how to spread the flyer out into the community, such as sending them out with the schools or dropping them off at local businesses. It was decided against sending them out to the community/previous donors at this time.
  - 2) Another Outdoor Book Sale
    1. Will be on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Left over books will be donated elsewhere.
  - 3) Possible Paranormal Fundraiser
    1. Spoke with Ara Robbins about hosting another paranormal program at the library (they had hosted one a few years ago.) She suggested having the presentation and then having 15-20 people pay for an investigation at the Senior Center. Nichole

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has started discussions with Patty Evansco about doing the joint fundraiser in October. Nichole will have updates at the next meeting.

### 4) Next Events

1. Planning for 2025-2026 events started.
2. The events for the rest of 2025 were reiterated;
  - 1) PictureIt on July 29
  - 2) 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
  - 3) Holiday Gift Wrapping in December
  - 4) Discussed having a membership drive in September, possibly the third Thursday, September 18 – possibly even a line dance program? Depends on how much time available.
3. 2026
  - 1) Virtual 5K in January
  - 2) The return of the Tea Party on Saturday, March 21
  - 3) National Library Week round up again, the week of April 5 – 11
  - 4) Book Sale on May 2
4. Will continue discussion at next meeting

The next Friends and Fundraising meeting will be held Monday, June 30 at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko