

Millstadt Library Board Minutes- Fundraising Committee
September 24, 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, and others in attendance were Arlene Glaeser, Liz Lange, Linda Hopfinger and Jenny Bernstein. Fundraising Committee Member, Bob Englebretson was absent.

Guests and Appearances:

Old Business:

- 1) Total Funds Balance as of 09/21/2026: \$81,226.68
 - a. With pledge: \$126,226.68

New Business

1. Murder Mystery

- 1) Thank you to our sponsors; Millstadt VFW Post 7980, Scharf Building Services, LLC, Arlene Glaeser, Reverend Joan and John Mier, Atkins' Acres Educational Farm, Country Financial, Kevin Schmidt for State Representative, Tax Solutions, Etc, Hoffen Funeral Home, and Loose Ends.
- 2) Thank you to our donors of auction items and more; Linda Hopfinger, Dawn Kohnen, Brenda Goudey, Cyndi Hasenstab, Brad Hasenstab, Serenity Soul Wellness, Mary Agnes Schlather, Kathy Obernuefemann, Nichole Lauko, and the Millstadt Library.
- 3) Thank you to Linda for washing all of the tablecloths!
- 4) Thank you to our Friends of the Millstadt Library!
- 5) Income \$9,150.00, \$860 from auction and donations
- 6) Expenses \$2,652.19
- 7) Total \$6,497.81 (without Dinner Invoice)
- 8) Recap/debrief
 1. To be assessed for next year, catering (price everyone in Millstadt), venue (reach out to Quail Club), and in-person auction instead of online. Dessert was great and the mics worked great, we need to be firm next year with the actors to use them.
- 9) Ideas for next year
 1. We will discuss the theme for next year at the next meeting and ask everyone to save the date – September 18, 2027.

2) New Business

1. Future Fundraisers

1) Bake Sale Auction

1. Items submitted by October 9, Bidding from October 16-23, Item pick-up October 24. Everyone was asked to reach out to people who might be interested. Nichole has it being pushed online.

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2. Community Outreach
 - 1) Face Painting at Ambulance Softball Fundraiser at 11:30 a.m. – Thank you Jenny!
 - 2) Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 24 at 4 p.m.
 - 3) Optimist Club Chili Cook-Off, October 18 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 3) Other
 1. Discussed the lack of a Painting fundraiser. The main issue is still finding a better way to make it profitable. We will discuss possibilities.
 2. Discussed possibly not meeting in November and December.

The next Friends and Fundraising meeting will be held Thursday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nichole Lauko