

Friends of the Millis Public Library
Monthly Meeting – March 26, 2025

Attendance:

In-person: Sandra Elaine Scott, Kim Tolson, Becky Fong, Diana Nunnaley, Jen Payne, Nancy Snow, Julie Ackley, Meghan Gavaghan
Via Zoom: Art Payne and Jane Hardin

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

New Business – Part 1:

Sponsorship Discussion by Diana and Nancy

Diana presented three letters that she and Nancy had created. One is for the Millis residents, one is for local businesses and one can be used as a flyer or mailer. Discussion followed with a few edits made to the letters.

On the business letter Sandra suggested that the Sponsorship amounts be reversed. Start with the more expensive option and end with the least expensive. Sandra's reasoning is that people will be more likely to 'pick the middle' amount when listed this way. It was also suggested that the sponsorship levels be listed again on the tear-off sheet.

On the mailer/flyer it was suggested that a QR code be added.

There was a discussion on the various ways to mail it out – either through an email sent out to the members on the FMPL email distribution list, upload it to the Library's website as a PDF and through a general mailing. Diana noted that she has a list of over 300 businesses listed in Millis, that they need to go through as there several duplicates and old businesses listed. She figures there are probably closer to 160 that are current. The flyer will be put in every bag and available at the Spring Book Sale. In addition, there was a discussion of a 'mail' party to stuff envelopes, address and get ready to be mailed out. Art mentioned that he did not think there were enough Adult Programs listed.

Housekeeping:

Acceptance of the February 2025 minutes

Sandra pointed out it was her that mentioned the four basics of Grass Root Fundraising. Meghan corrected that error. Meghan made the motion to accept the minutes with the edit, Becky second, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The ending balance was a little over \$3000 down from the previous month. Two large expenses were: \$1400 for Millis Reads and \$811.50 for Liability Insurance. The Millis Reads cost is for the transportation to the museum. Some of that will come back when the tickets are sold.

Director's Report

Kim mentioned that the attendance at several of the Middle School Programs has been steady. There were 45 attendees at the Millis Reads event!

There are several upcoming events that were mentioned. The Garden Clean Up will be held on Saturday March 29th at 9 a.m. There were 8 – 10 people signed up to help, and the DPW would be providing the mulch. There are two events that were funded by the Cultural Council: April 10th there is to be a Financial Workshop for Creative Entrepreneurs and on April 15th there is to be an Intro to AI at 7 p.m that is a Millis Reads Event. During April vacation there are lots of events planned!

The Library will be going before the Select Board on March 31st for approval of the shed.

Kim mentioned that she would like the Library to have a table/mobile library at the UCC

Pride Bazaar on Sunday June 22nd from 12 to 5.

Also, three people have purchased tickets for the Millis Reads museum trip on May 17th
Trustees Report:

Becky mentioned that there is a new candidate for the Trustees. His name is Jonathan Bernier. He was formerly on the Quincy's Library Trustees and is currently on the Millis strategic planning committee.

The Trustees will have a coffee table at the Spring Book Sale.

There was a discussion about the expanded coverage of the lighting for the courtyard. It was brought up that there are several concerns about this: pricing, maintenance, misuse of the area, security issues. More discussion is needed – maybe only seasonal?

New Business – Part 2:

Spring Book Sale will be held April 4th – 6th. Jen and Art have put the flyer up in other town libraries. Jen will be putting out the yard signs. There will be high school help on Tuesday night bringing the boxes over to the Roche Bros Community Room. Julie is getting bags from Roche Bros for the Sunday bag sale. Nancy and Meghan were working on getting the antique books photoed and ready to send out.

Becky talked about her idea for 'new energy directives'. She will personally have two Chinese cooking classes in conjunction with the Recreation Department. The dates are May 8th and May 15th. She is donating her time and the money from registration (after expenses) will be donated to the Friends. Each class is limited to 15 and she would love to see some of the Friends there.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Ackley – Recording Secretary.