

Friends of the Millis Public Library

Monthly Meeting – April 23, 2025

Attendees: Sandra Elaine Scott, Meghan Gavaghan, Julie Ackley, Nancy Snow, Diana Nunnaley, Jen Payne, Grace Hayes, Janice & Bob McCoy. Art Payne & Jennifer Farrar via Zoom. Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

Housekeeping:

Julie Ackley read the minutes from the March 2025 meeting. Janice asked what the Friends website was. It is millislibrary.org/friends. Meghan made the motion to accept, Sandra second, motion passed.

Treasurers' Report:

The Book Sale was very robust! The total was \$3,392.45! Meghan did point out that total amount included the starting bank. The starting bank was \$475 and \$102.63 in additional expenses. Renewed memberships were \$135.55, ongoing book sale was \$40 and general donations was \$400. Great Income Month. Meghan broke down how people paid for this book sale. It was noted that people like the convenience of being able to pay via the Square and Venmo. Jennifer mentioned that we do not pay any fees when people use Venmo, but we do pay fees for using the Square. It was mentioned that we should 'put it out there' about the fees and to promote using Venmo. Janice asked what happens with the left over books from the sales. She mentioned that More Than Words in Waltham has a program where teenagers that are aging out of the Foster Care System run a store and are learning a trade. Sandra knows about this program and while it is a good cause, we pay them to take the books. Meghan suggested that we could bring a couple of boxes to the store to support their cause.

Director's Report:

Meghan read report submitted by Kim. The funding requests exceed our income and taking into account, the money put aside for the Scholarship and comments that we have already made.

Nancy Snow suggested reaching out to our Sponsors and asking which program would they like to pay for/support. Meghan mentioned that we should break the list down to programming and supplies.

It was determined that we would fund the following from Kim's requests:

For the Adult Programming: Total of \$950

\$600 for three months of the Memory Café

\$350 for the Cocoa Beantown Tasting

For the Youth Programming: Total of \$1000
\$500 for Show #1
\$500 for Supplies

Total of \$1950

Some of the funding requests will be looked at closer to September, as these events are in the fall. If we cannot cover an event, it will either have to be cancelled or scaled back. We will revisit the requests as needed. Meghan made a motion to allocate up to \$950 for the Adult Programs and up to \$1000 for the Youth Programs, Sandra seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

Report from Diana and Nancy on the Sponsorship Drive. The letters went out and there was already one positive response. Dan's Barbershop sent in a check for \$250! They were going to contact him to see which program he would like to sponsor. An email was sent out as well within the coming weeks.

The applications for the Friends Scholarship was due April 27th. Art, Jane, Becky and Linda would be reviewing them

Meghan went before the Select Board for the proposed textile shed. The Select Board approved the request but wanted a contract with a two-year commitment.

Trustee Report

Becky requested that the flyer for her two Cooking Classes be put up on the Library website. Becky will be donating all proceeds to the Friends. She also asked that the Millis Reads trip to the Sculpture Park be reposted.

Jennifer would like to have a Friends table at the Cultural Council's Art Fair on June 14th. Meghan asked Jennifer to send any of the information to the Friends. Art said that he could be there. The volunteer Luncheon will be on May 3rd. At the Town Election, a new trustee will be elected. The American Library Association has expressed concerns about the state cuts to library funding coming next year. Sandra stated that 'Friends do Library Advocating as well as Fundraising!'

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday May 28 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Julie Ackley – Recording Secretary