

FRIENDS OF THE MILLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY MEETING MAY 28, 2025-MINUTES

Attending: President Sandra Elaine Scott; Vice President Art Payne; Library Director Kim Tolson; Library Trustee Becky Fong; Library Trustee Jonathan Bernier; Treasurer Meghan Gavaghan; Member at Large Diana Nunnaley and Jen Payne.

Meghan called the meeting to order at 5:59 P.M. The minutes for the April 23, 2025 FMPL Meeting were reviewed. Meghan motioned to accept, seconded by Art -accepted unanimously. Since Julie Ackley is unable to attend the meeting, Art will act as recording secretary for the meeting this evening.

Becky Fong introduced the new Library Trustee Jonathan Bernier. We welcomed him and look forward to working with him.

TREASURER`S REPORT—The treasury balance looks better due to the nearly \$3,000 raised at the Spring Book Sale. Diana announced the sponsorship initiative has raised \$1,406.53 so far from local businesses. First sponsorship was Dan`s Barbershop for \$250. Jane will formally thank these donors. Nancy Snow and Diana Nunnaley will meet with donors to see about focusing on a certain program or service. Meghan stated that there is still \$26,127.23 in the Iorio Account for grant writing and \$940 left in the EMC Account for scanning and Archival preservation.

Becky Fong presented two Chinese cooking classes to benefit the Friends-Thank you Becky!

DIRECTOR`S REPORT- Library Director Kim Tolson gave the Director`s Report. Millis Reads the Anxious Generation was a great success, culminating in a bus trip to the Decordova Museum. The Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament was well received and continues the innovative and creative programs sponsored by the Millis Public Library. The Select Board approved a textile donation shed. Will be monitored by the Friends who will receive funds raised through donations. Kim announced Summer Reading programming – highlights include Adult Bingo. Kim will make request for funding for programs. \$950 has been approved so far. The Strategic Planning process continues to make progress toward a final report. The Mass. Board of Library Commissioners announced cuts to some services and data bases such as Heritage Quest-COMCAT and Libby still funded for now.

The Scholarship Committee has selected Isabella Briones as our 2025 Scholarship recipient. Art suggested to use a weighted system in the future for volunteering, literacy projects, etc. since the applicants are so well qualified.

The Library and Friends will be participating in the Pride Fair to be held June 22 at the Church of Christ.

Sandra announced that the Mass Friends of Library organization is seeking to reorganize and will be looking for ideas and participation.

Possible Sponsorship levels were discussed. It was mentioned that gifts to the Friends should not be restricted. Art stated his opposition to this based on his 40 years of service to the Friends and observation over the years-you should never turn down money! We thank Nancy, Diana and Becky for their dedication to this project.

Meghan adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM

The Annual Meeting will be held June 25, 2025 in the Roche Bros Community Room in the library at 6:00PM We will be selecting officers for the 2025-26 membership year.

Respectfully submitted

Art Payne

Vice President