

Friends of The Millis Public Library

June 25, 2025

Called to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Attendees: Sandra Eileen Scott, Art Payne –via Zoom, Meghan Gavaghan, Kim Tolson, Julie Ackley, Diana Nunnaley, Nancy Snow, Grace Hayes, Diane Jurman – via Zoom

Acceptance of May 2025 minutes:

The Minutes were posted on the Library’s web page. Meghan made the motion to accept, Art seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Meghan noted that under General Donations, that Becky Fong’s \$1000 donation was not included in the numbers. The donation was from the cooking classes that Becky put on earlier in the summer. Art and Jen Payne made a donation back in January ‘In Memory of Mindy Murray’, which was noted in the numbers. The Library received its first payment of \$24.22 from the Clothing Shed on May 12th. Isabella Briones, who was the Library’s scholarship winner, sent in a very nice Thank You note. Diane made the motion to accept, Art seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Director’s Report:

The Strategic Plan has be submitted - it was a very long process. The plan is the set of new goals going forward for the Library.

The Coco Bean Town tasting was very successful. Twenty-five adults attended with very positive feedback. Mike Bent’s Magic Show had seventy attendees. The Library has two new on-call assistants.

Funding Program Requests. Kim presented funding requests for both the Adult and Youth Programs. After some discussion, the Friends approved the following: up to \$400 for the Memory Café for August and September 2025, and up to \$670 for the additional programs for a total of \$1070 for the Adult programs. For the Youth Programs up to \$740 was approved for programs through September 2025. The total amount approved for both programs was \$1810. \$500 had previously been voted on and approved at a previous meeting.

Trustees' Report:

No new business discussion.

New Business:

The 2025-2026 FMPL Executive Board Elections

- President: Sandra Elaine Scott
- Vice President: Arthur Payne
- Treasure: Meghan Gavaghan
- Recording Secretary: Julie Ackley
- Corresponding Secretary: Jane Hardin
- Member-at-large: Diane Jurmain
- Member-at-large: Diana Nunnaley

Nancy made the motion to accept the nominations as written, Sandra seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Congratulations to the FMPL Executive Board Members!

Sponsorships:

The new sponsorship program was a lot of work to implement, but is seeing some very positive results. Diana mentioned that in talking with some of the sponsors, who went on the Library's webpage, were amazed at the number and variety of programs that are being offered. One local company, Steve Rentals, loaned the Library a trailer to get all of the boxes over to Savers.

Jane and Meghan will be sending out Thank-You notes and the Tax form to all of the sponsors.

Diane Jurmain suggested having a sign with the sponsors names and logos, placed in the lobby, to give them the recognition they deserve. In addition, Diane noted that it might prompt other companies or individuals to ask how they can get their name on that board. Sandra Elaine then suggested that we put it up on the tele-prompter, with the header saying "We'd Like to Thank Our Local Sponsors".

Dan's Barbershop sponsored the Summer Reading program – and was acknowledged on all of the promotional material. There were several ideas that were discussed about how to further acknowledge our sponsors and how to attract

others. A physical poster would be challenging to maintain and keep updated. Meghan stated that we are trying to keep away from printing. The sponsors can be listed on the Library's website – with a place to add company logos. Meghan can also put the information out of the Library's Facebook page.

St. Pauly's Shed: We were given: the shed, the lock, the advertising, and they pick-up. All we have to do is once a week move the bags from the 'donation room' to the 'storage room', make sure the bags are tied and pick up any loose items and put them in a bag. So far, no one has thrown any trash into the shed, but if there ever were any trash, it would need to be picked up. It takes 10 to 15 minutes. There are two keys: Meghan has one and the other is in the Friends Drawer. A schedule needs to be created for volunteers to assist with the shed maintenance. The hours and days are flexible – it is whatever works for people.

Book Sales:

Fall Book Sale will be Oct 3rd, 4th and 5th. Moving boxes will be September 30th with sorting and set up October 1st – 3rd. Kim will check the Library's Calendar.

Spring Book Sale will be March 27th, 28th and 29th. Moving boxes will be March 24th with sorting and set up March 25th -27th. Kim will check the Library's Calendar.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.