

Friends of the Millis Public Library
Monthly Meeting
February 26, 2026
Called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance:

In-person: Sandra Elaine Scott – President, Meghan Gavaghan – Treasurer,
Julie Ackley – Secretary, Kim Tolson – Library Director, Diana Nunnelly

Via Zoom: Art Payne – Vice President

Acceptance of January 26 Minutes:

Motion made by Meghan, Diana seconded, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Meghan presented the report. The finances are holding steady. The St Pauly's Textile Shed is doing very well! In fact, from May 2025- December 2025, 1,856 lbs. of textiles were donated, which help to re-clothe 3,344 people, and brought in \$726. Meghan and Pete and Diane Jurmain brought the remaining boxes of books from the Fall Book Sale to Savers in Norwood. The total from that run was \$418.10. Meghan mentioned that, going forward, the library should rent a U-Haul truck for the deliveries, as there were a lot of boxes of books and multiple trips were necessary. The outstanding commitments listed on the Treasurer's Report are through May of 2026.

Director's Report:

Kim presented the report. The Valentine After Hour event had 22 attendees. During the February vacation week, the Stacey Concert had approximately 150 attendees! The Harry Potter Trivia had 20 attendees. Several programs were cancelled due to the blizzard and will be rescheduled. There are several upcoming events for all ages that look to be very interesting and should be well attended. The March Book Sale is up on the Library's calendar.

Trustees' Report:

There was no report.

New Business:

St. Pauly Textile Shed:

Meghan noted that the first Anniversary of the St Pauly's Shed is in May. Jennifer Farrar reached out to Meghan via text to suggest doing something to increase awareness of the shed. Diana mentioned that she did not know that the shed accepted textiles – if you are looking on Google where to donate textiles the shed is not mentioned. It was also suggested that the Library should do more publicity for the shed, as well as listing what is acceptable. Stuffed animals is one of those items! Jennifer Farrar and Nancy Sitta suggested holding a Clothing Swap in the Roche Bros Community Room. Julie, whose church does this type of thing twice a year, mentioned how much work is involved and how there needs to be many volunteers to make this type of event happen. For her church event, there are 3 days of setting up the room – which includes setting up the tables, emptying and sorting the clothes, the day of the swap, and the breaking down of the event. Meghan will get back to Jennifer Farrar with this information. Meghan will also put it out to the Friends to see who would be interested in volunteering, as well as if there is anyone who would be willing to chair the event.

Scholarship Committee:

Three new people volunteered to be on the Scholarship Committee. Art will reach out to them. If all three accept that would bring the number on the committee to seven.

March Book Sale.

Art will reach out to Erika for volunteers on Tuesday March 24th from 5 to 7:30 and Sunday March 29th from 3 to 5. Meghan has asked Brian about the Medfield football team about helping out, as in years past. No firm answer on that yet. Jen Payne will reach out to the local paper and the Patch about having an article in those papers.

Other New Business:

Diane mentioned that for the April agenda she would like to have the 2nd Annual Sponsors Community Partners on it.

Next Meeting will be March 18, 2026 at 6 p.m. The regular meeting falls on the Wednesday of the Book Sale.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectively submitted – Julie Ackley Secretary