

Friends of the Millis Public Library

Monthly Meeting

June 24 2026

Called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance:

In-person: Sandra Elaine Scott – President, Art Payne – Vice President, Meghan Gavaghan- Treasurer, Julie Ackley – Recording Secretary, Diana Nunnaley – Member-at-Large, Diane Hubbard, and Jane Hardin – Corresponding Secretary.

Via Zoom: Kim Tolson – Library Director, Diane Jurmain – Member-at-Large, Jen Payne, Erin Underhill, Wendy Barry, and Jennifer Farrar.

Guests: Mia Young and her mother Laura – Scholarship Winner. Mia will be attending George Washington University studying Pre-Law, Psychology and Spanish.

Acceptance of May 2026 Minutes:

Meghan made a motion to accept, Jane seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Meghan presented the Treasurer's report. The St. Pauly's Textile Shed is doing very well. It is averaging \$90 to \$125 per month. Expenses for the month were high.

Director's Report:

Kim presented the Director's Report. For the end of the Fiscal Year, all invoices and book orders were processed. The programs were both the Teens and Adults have been very well attended. Seniors Helping Seniors sponsored one of the Memory Café events. There were events planned for both the teens and adults through the end of June.

There was no Trustees Report.

New Business:

Becky Fong – Library Trustee and member of the Scholarship Committee, to interview Mia Young – FMPL Scholarship winner – for the paper.

Executive Board Elections 2026- 2027:

Wendy Barry volunteered to be the Assistant Treasurer. There was a quorum of members to vote.

Results:

President:	Sandra Elaine Scott
Vice President:	Jennifer Farrar
Treasurer:	Meghan Gavaghan
Assistant Treasurer:	Wendy Barry
Recording Secretary:	Julie Ackley
Asst. Recording Secretary:	Arthur Payne
Corresponding Secretary:	Jane Hardin
Asst. Corresponding Secretary:	OPEN
Members-At-Large (1)	Diane Jurmain
Members-At-Large (2)	Diana Nunnaley

Meghan made the motion to vote in as written, the Executive Board for the 2026-2027 programming year. Sandra Elaine seconded the motion, motion passed.

2nd Annual Sponsorship Fundraising Campaign:

Diana presented the update. 320 mailings went out to local businesses. Island Road Blueberries – owned by Charlie Miller – sent in a check for \$225! Diane also mentioned how helpful the Post Office was. In addition, Nancy Snow is now on the Council of Aging Board and is less available to help on this project moving forward.

Other Business:

There was a discussion on how to reach and recruit new members and volunteers, and how we are missing program opportunities for lack of funding. Kim and the Trustees create the budget while the Friends fundraise for the wish list items and programs. There are mechanisms in place to make sure and all cuts are 'fair' across the board. Diana Nunnaley asked a question of Kim Tolson on the finances for the Library currently. The Library's operating budget is okay, the federally funded grants are 'iffy' and the programming funds are not in the municipal budget. The Trustees were able to cover \$2000 of the gap items through State Aid. Wendy mentioned that State Aid comes in every year for 'large' item, and is not meant to be used on a regular basis. The town has no say over how these funds are to be used.

Broad discussion about Finances:

Generally speaking, programing has not changed much in the past few years. What has changed is; Membership for the Friends is down, grants are down, general donations are up, book sales are the same. The St. Pauly's Shed is doing well, as is 'A Novel Occasion'. Across all Friends Groups – local, state & nationwide – are struggling with memberships. People will attend the events but do not sign up to be members. It was mentioned that 'we' should have brainstorming sessions to think up new 'fun' events that are targeted specific areas and groups. The question was raised on how many 'hands' will be willing to help start to finish across all the age groups.

Erin Underhill volunteered to assist Jane and Meghan on moving clothing donations for the St. Pauly's Shed.

Dates were discussed for the Fall Book Sale: October 3rd, 17th or 24th.

Next meeting will be September 23, 2026 – starting at 6 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Ackley, Recording Secretary

Friends of the Millis Public Library					
Treasurer's Report - DRAFT					
Period: May 27, 2026 - June 24, 2026					
Beginning Balance					
	Checking (Operating Funds)			5,944.68	
	Savings Account - Capital Campaign			19,486.90	
	Savings Account - EMC Grant			954.21	
	Savings Account - Iorio Grant			26,129.83	
	Savings Account - Friends Account			480.78	
	12-month CD - Capital Campaign			5,733.46	
				\$ 58,729.86	
Income	Checking (Operating Funds)				
		St Pauly's Textile Shed		\$ 91.40	
		Ongoing Book Sale		\$ 31.00	
		General Donation		\$ 130.00	
		Membership		\$ 195.06	
		A Novel Occasion 2026		\$ 120.00	
	Interest				
		Checking (Operating Funds)		\$ 0.07	
		Capital Campaign		\$ 25.37	
		EMC Grant		\$ 1.09	
		Iorio Grant		\$ 0.21	
		Savings Account - Friends Account		\$ 0.55	
		12-month CD - Capital Campaign		\$ 16.35	
Expenses	Checking (Operating Funds)				
		Youth Programming		\$ 651.97	
		Adult Programming		\$ 225.00	
		Book sale expenses		\$ 80.93	
		Fundraising expense (envelopes, stamps)		\$ 303.84	
Ending Balance				Current Balance	
	Checking (Operating Funds)			5,160.47	
	Savings Account - Capital Campaign			19,512.27	
	Savings Account - EMC Grant			955.30	
	Savings Account - Iorio Grant			26,130.04	
	Savings Account - Friends Account			481.33	
	12-month CD - Capital Campaign			5,749.81	
				\$ 57,989.22	
Outstanding Commitments					
Checking (Operating Funds)					
Library Passes				\$ 1,890.00	
Youth Programming				\$ 1,750.25	
Adult Programming				\$ 1,596.10	
Memory Cafe				\$ 163.45	
				\$ 5,399.80	