

Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District Fundraiser Committee Meeting

Date: May 11, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Collinsville Memorial Library

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Kathy Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Roll call was taken by Ian Ashcraft.

Trustees Present:

Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer
Kelly Balaco-Reeder, Vice President
Jeanne Lomax, President
Kathy Murphy, Committee Chair

Trustees Absent: none

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

(none)

4. Trustee Comments

Ashcraft said he was glad the committee could get together.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Review of Completed and Ongoing Fundraisers

Ashcraft asked about the yearly amount raised via the clothing drop-off boxes. Waltermire confirmed the quarterly amounts were all similar to what was presented in the packet.

Lomax asked about how much was spent on “swag” vs. what was made. Ashcraft and Balaco-Reeder informed her that it was ‘on

demand” instead of purchased ahead of time. Lomax said that was good to know.

Ashcraft asked about how the 2nd Great Puzzle Race fared to the first. Waltermire said it was not as strong of a response. Ashcraft asked if this is something the library is looking at continuing to do. Balaco-Reeder endorsed the event (as a patron she enjoys them). Waltermire expressed making sure the dates are well planned and that it is a staff-initiated fundraiser. Waltermire shared that the 3rd puzzle race was canceled due to lack of interest, and that it had been planned for two weeks before the Friends of the Library’s trivia night.

Ashcraft mentioned piggy-backing off of “Spring into a Book” with a possible “Fall into a Book” fundraiser just to “put it on the radar.”

Ashcraft mentioned library merchandise that is personalized to the libraries in the district.

Murphy asked about how often the Friends of the Library sales are. Waltermire replied that it is roughly every two to three months. She also mentioned when the next sale was planned to be held. Discussion ensued about the Friends of the Library.

6. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action re: Upcoming and Possible Events

Murphy asked to keep the “Taste of Collinsville” fundraiser idea on the back burner for now.

Murphy expressed a desire to hold a thank-you reception for volunteers. She wanted to have the fundraising committee present the event idea to the whole Board. Discussion ensued about particulars for such an event.

Murphy moved on to the next possible event, which were dine-out fundraisers. Lomax mentioned the Culver’s fundraiser in 2025. Discussion ensued about dine-out fundraisers.

Murphy moved on to the next possible event, which was a silent auction at “Tunes at Blum.” Ashcraft mentioned a jelly bean jar guess raffle. Balaco-Reeder mentioned particulars to this type of raffle. Discussion ensued.

Waltermire provided a recap of the meeting:

- The library will schedule another puzzle race and a “Fall into a Book” fundraiser
- The committee is looking into options for another dine-to-donate fundraiser
- There will be a volunteers thank-you reception on Sunday, September 13 at 2:00-4:00 PM at the Blum House
- Committee members will do a guessing jar at the “Tunes at Blum” events in September 2026
- Individual committee members’ follow-up tasks were reviewed

7. Closed Session – none

8. Action for Items Discussed in Closed Session – none

9. Adjournment

With there being no further business, Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.