

## G.C. Community Library

### Board Minutes

January 11, 2017

(1) Board Members attending: Amy Gallagher, Beth Harris, Kelly Habarka, Deb Loughry, Dan Amon, Heather Leskanic

Director attending: Kimberly Barbara

Employee Attending: None present.

(2) Heather called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Kimberly offered prayer.

(3) Minutes from the 12-14-16 meeting were reviewed and approved. Beth made a motion to approve with a second from Deb.

(4) Treasurer's Report: Beth provided her monthly report, which listed total assets at \$1,434,687.11. She noted total contributions for the month of December at \$11,393.70 and total income for the month at \$15,860.56. Overall, she said, the library's finances ended up about the same as in 2015, excluding the one-time major contribution of \$246,000. Deb made motion to approve treasurer's report; Amy seconded. Motion carried.

(5) Library Director's Report (from Kimberly):

### **Adult programming**

#### *Special events:*

- Downton Abbey Tea: On Friday, Jan. 13, Miss Heather Baker will treat attendees to another full tea featuring savory snacks, sweet delicacies, and prizes, plus a special presentation of the DVD "The Queen's Garden." Tickets are \$10 per person.
- Sewing Studio: Seamstress and patron April Duncan will be on hand Monday, Jan. 16, to assist beginning sewers with questions about projects or how to get thru tough spots in their sewing struggles.
- Essential Oils 101 Class: On Saturday, Jan. 12, patron Patti Bardy will host a class discussing essential oils – how they may aid with healing injuries, and how they can help with weight loss, stress and nutrition.

### **Ongoing adult programs in January:**

- Intro to Tech Drop-in Hour: Wednesday, Jan. 4, 18, and 25 from 1 to 2 p.m.
- Knitting & Crocheting Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Monday Night Book Group: On Monday, Jan. 9, we met to discuss the novel, *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini. Next month we regroup on Monday, Feb. 13, to talk about Helen Macdonald's best-selling, award-winning memoir, *H is for Hawk*.
- Mystery Lovers Book Club: Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2:30 to 4 p.m. This month's title is Laura Childs' scrap book mystery, *Motif for Murder*.
- Coupon Club: After taking the month of December off, this club returns in 2017 to meet on Jan. 23 with extreme couponer Whitney Jones. She shares secrets about how to save hundreds of dollars a month via extreme couponing. Earlier this month, members donated their collective extra items to the GC food pantry. They brought in over \$40 worth of items!
- "Cooking the Books" Club: On Monday, Jan. 30, we will host another installment of the new cookbook book club. The featured cookbook is *The Ultimate Soups and Stews Book* from Better Homes and Gardens, in honor of National Soup Month.

### **Events coming up in February:**

- Librarians' Ball: The library will hold its annual Jane Austen-themed ballroom dance on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Carnegie room of the Grove City College Alumni Center. Tickets are on sale now!
- *Update*: We are currently receiving several registration/payments for tickets each day this week and are beginning to gain momentum! Kimberly has finalized plans with Ms. Thompson, the caller/"dance mistress" for the event.

## Children/Young Adult Programming

- Sensory Storytime: Thursday, Jan. 5, at 1:30 p.m.
- Kids' Cooking Club: On Friday, Jan. 6, boys and girls in grades 3-6 met for this popular monthly class. Advance registration is required; children must sign up for each month in advance.
- Pre-K Storytime: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. all thru January (ages 3 to 6 years). This month's stories are all about new beginnings.
- Kids' Chess Club: The club will not meet in January. Club meetings will resume in February and continue to meet monthly on the second Monday of each month, starting at 4 p.m.
- Play Day at the Library: Most Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Toddlers and pre-K children are invited to play with the library's brand new set of educational toys.
- Page Master Book Club (Grades 1-2): This group meets on Thursday, Jan. 12, to discuss "Roscoe Riley Rules #1: Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs," by Katherine Applegate.
- Brown Bag Book Club: (Grades 3-6): On Friday, Jan. 20, members will gather to discuss "Chasing Vermeer," by Blue Balliett.
- Storybook Yoga Classes for Kids: Saturday, Jan. 28, from 11:30 a.m. to noon. These monthly classes are conducted by Broad Street Yoga and are for kids in KG thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Pokemon Club: On Saturday, Jan. 28, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Pokemon enthusiasts are invited to trade cards, meet other fanatics and learn more about this exciting, interactive game!

## Special children's programming:

- Bookworm Babies: From Jan. 18 thru Feb. 22, toddlers 18 months thru 3 years of age are invited to attend an interactive, half-hour storytime session each Wednesday morning starting at 10:30 a.m.
- Kids' Crafternoon: On Thursday, Jan. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. kids of all ages are invited to help Miss Heather clear out her craft cupboard! Drop in to work on a craft of your choosing – imagination is the only limit!

- Meet & Greet with Elsa from Frozen: Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend this event on Friday, Jan. 27, that will feature a sing-along with Elsa the Ice Queen! Attendees can have their pictures taken with Elsa, make a craft, enjoy frozen treats, and more.

### **Coming up in February:**

- A Night at Hogwarts: On Friday, Feb. 10, children in grades 3 thru 6 are invited to spend a magical evening at the library, celebrating all things Harry Potter. Students are to come dressed as their favorite character. Everyone will be sorted into their houses, attend Hogwarts classes, and then convene in the Great Hall for refreshments! The library will be closed from 5 to 8 p.m. to all regular library operations not related to this program.

### **Housekeeping/Back Office/Etc.:**

- Advertising Fundraising Efforts: Last month, Wendy and Stacy did some leg work to revive the concept of offering local vendors and businesses ad space on the library's TV/marquee slideshow (\$10 for one month; \$60 for 12 months). In the past two weeks alone, this has brought in \$275! In a related vein, Stacy has been individually recruiting local vendors to sponsor the upcoming Golf Scramble being planned for early next autumn and has already received about \$200 in response. She will start publicizing the event and promoting it to the wider community over the next month.
- Carpeting Update. We're looking to get additional quotes for proposed work.
- Personnel Search Update. Checking with county's Area Agency on Aging, plus a GCC student.
- *Coming Up*: State Aid application, United Way SECA Grant and Community Investment Grant applications, continue search for new tax auditor, begin to create plans for how things will work over upcoming

- maternity leave (estimated to take place beginning at end of March, for 6 weeks, give or take a few weeks depending on baby's arrival date).
- (6) Friends of the Library Report: Deb said the FOL made a little over \$500 from the annual Christmas gift raffle. Big items were kids' items, she said. The group's new bookshelf bookstore at the library has so far brought in \$258. It opened in early December. She said they'll start advertising the bookstore. They are also planning a Winter Wine Walk pop-up booksale.
- (7) Unfinished Business: Nothing to discuss.
- (8) New Business: Beth Harris announced she will be leaving the board at the end of the month as she is planning to move from a part-time to a full-time schedule at her job. She will also be unable to continue with the bookkeeping duties. Kimberly and board members said they are sorry to see her go, but expressed appreciation for her extensive contributions. In another matter, Amy asked about fluctuating heat issues in the library facility; borough maintenance has been in to check. And, Heather Leskanić noted the board typically makes its appointments/reappointments of officers in January. This may be addressed at the February mtg.
- (9) Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Next meeting is Feb. 8.**

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanić, board secretary, on Jan. 30, 2017.