

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

February 8, 2017

- (1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Amy Gallagher, Stacy Bluedorn, Deb Loughry, Warren Throckmorton, Dan Amon, Heather Leskanic
Director attending: Kimberly Barbara
Employee Attending: None present
- (2) Erin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and opened with prayer.
- (3) Minutes from the 1-11-17 were approved. Dan made motion to approve with second from Amy; motion carried.
- (4) Treasurer's Report: Library received state funds in amount of \$29,689.62 in January. This is the same amount as in 2016. Total contributions for the month were listed at \$29,835.42 while total income is listed at \$30,232.50. Warren made motion to approve the treasurer's report; Deb seconded. Motion carried.
- (5) Library Director's Report (from Kimberly):

Special Holiday Library Hours:

- Friday, Feb. 10: Regular library operations will close early at 5 p.m. The library will then reopen from 6 to 8 p.m. exclusively for pre-registered attendees of the "A Night at Hogwarts" Harry Potter event.
- Monday, Feb. 20: The library will be closed in observation of President's Day.

Adult Programming

Special Events:

- Essential Oils "Make & Take" Class: On Feb. 6, Patti Bardy hosted a hands-on program as a follow up to last month's introduction to essential oils class. So far people have been pretty receptive to these presentations. We

will continue to plan them on approximately a monthly basis as long as there is continued patron interest.

- Librarians' Ball and Dance Workshop: On Feb. 11, the library will hold its annual Jane Austen-themed ballroom dance at the Carnegie room of the Grove City Alumni Center. All 110 tickets sold out as of last Saturday and we are expecting a wider range of patrons to attend than in previous years, equaling one amazing night!
- Workshop: For those new to English Country Dancing, there is a dance workshop being held at GCC's Alumni Center from 6 to 8 p.m. this Friday.

Ongoing Adult Programs in February:

- Intro to Tech Drop-In Hour: Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 15th, and 22nd from 1 to 2 p.m.
- Knitting & Crocheting Group: 2nd Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Monday Night Book Group: On Feb. 13, members will meet to talk about Helen Macdonald's best-selling, award-winning memoir, *H is for Hawk*.
- Mystery Lovers Book Club: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month (Feb. 15) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. This month, members meet to discuss mystery writer Tony Hillerman's autobiography, *Seldom Disappointed*. The group will select three titles from his Jim Chee detective series to read and discuss over the coming months.
- "Cooking the Books" Club: On Feb. 27, we will host another installment of the cookbook club. *The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook* by Dinah Bucholz will be featured in honor of the library's "A Night at Hogwarts" event.

Coming Up:

- Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair: On Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the library is co-hosting an appraisal fair with the GC Chamber of Commerce at the Grove City College trade show located at the GCC Physical Learning Center.

- Patrons are invited to bring their treasures and collectibles for a verbal identification and official appraisal by experts from the Robert D. Retort Auction Firm. All proceeds benefit the library and chamber of commerce in a 50/50 split.

Children/Young Adult Programming

Special Children's Programming:

- A Night at Hogwarts: A celebration of all things Harry Potter on Feb. 10 for children in grades 3 thru 6. Students are to come dressed as their favorite character and will attend Hogwarts classes before convening in the Great Hall for refreshments.
- Bookworm Babies: Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:30 a.m. for toddlers ages 18 months thru 3 years.
- Kids' Crafternoon: Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. for kids of all ages.
- Sensory Storytime: Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m.
- Kids' Cooking Club: Boys and girls in grades 3 thru 6 met Feb. 3 for this popular monthly class and learned about making their own butter and peanut butter! Currently, the winter session for this club is full. Registration for the spring session will begin for the month of May.
- Pre-K Storytime: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Kids Chess Club: For boys and girls in grades 1 thru 6. Meets Feb. 13 from 4 to 5 p.m.
- Play Day at the Library: Wednesdays in February from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. for toddlers and pre-K children.
- Page Master Book Club: (Grades 1-2) This group meets Feb. 9 to discuss "Who Broke Lincoln's Thumb?" by Ron Roy.
- Brown Bag Book Club: (Grades 3-6) Members will discuss the iconic "Mary Poppins" by P.L. Travers on Feb. 24.
- Pokemon Club: Meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Coming Up:

- Fort Night at the Library: Children are invited to bring their blankets and pillows and join library staff on March 31 for an evening of stories, snacks, and fort-building!
- American Girl Tea Party: For girls in 1st thru 5th grades on April 21. Registration for this year's highly-anticipated party will begin on March 13.
- Vader's Little Princess Tea Party: For children in K thru 3rd grade. An invitation to take tea with Darth Vader and friends on May 13!

Housekeeping/Back Office/Etc.:

- Personnel Update: New clerk will start training this month; she is to work a few hours a week.
- Coming up: Kimberly will be working to complete the annual State Aid application, which is due in early March. Afterwards, we will start planning for the Summer Reading Program. Kimberly will continue to prepare things in advance of leaving on six-week maternity leave.
- Staff Development Day: Proposal to close the library to patron use on Thursday, March 16, so that staff can have time to train in using our digital resources: the TERC database thru the district, Ancestry.com, and how to provide access for patrons to Over Drive, our online platform for downloading audio and e-books. **Board members OK'd this proposal.**
- Library Holiday proposals: Board OK'd closing the library for MLK Jr. Day next year. Kimberly also asked if the board would be opposed to closing the library the Saturday before the Fourth of July as many patrons and staff plan to celebrate out of town. Board decided to consider that closing on a year to year basis, depending on what day July 4 falls on. In 2017, the holiday is on a Tuesday, so the library will be open Saturday and Monday.
- Praise and Critique: Kimberly said the library staff receives many compliments for various reasons, however, there was a recent incident involving a patron from out of town who complained about service. Deb said she witnessed the incident and was certain that the matter was handled appropriately by staff.

- BBW Funds from 2016: Application has been approved; money will be forthcoming.
- (6) Friends of the Library Report: Deb said the group has made \$450 so far on the new bookshelf bookstore at the library. It has been in operation for just nine weeks. Last year, FOL made \$600 in an entire year of scanning books. She said they plan to do some advertising (Allied News) for the bookstore in the near future. She appreciates the great location the library gave them for the books. 😊
- (7) Unfinished Business: Amy asked Kimberly if the heating issues have been resolved in the facility. Kimberly said the heating has been good.
- (8) New Business: Board approved officer appointments for 2017. Kimberly started off by nominating new member Stacy Bluedorn of Grove City to serve as board treasurer. Bluedorn, who has an accounting background, will replace Beth Harris, who resigned last month due to a change in her work obligations. Warren seconded the motion; motion carried. Kimberly nominated Erin to continue serving as board president. Amy seconded; motion carried. Amy nominated Heather to continue serving as board secretary with a second from Warren; motion carried. Kimberly nominated Amy to serve as board vice president; Dan seconded. Motion carried. Deb noted that smoking at the library's front entrance is very offensive and asked about the law that prohibits smoking within 50 feet of the doors to a public facility. Can we move the cigarette receptacle? Erin and Amy will discuss a solution. Also, an issue was discussed regarding an individual who meets with some of his clients in the library for tax preparation assistance. It was the consensus of the group that there is no problem with the library being used as an informal meeting place.
- (9) Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next meeting is March 8.

Minutes submitted by Heather Lesknic, board secretary, on Feb. 27, 2017.