

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

March 8, 2017

- (1) Board Members attending: Amy Gallagher, Stacy Bluedorn, Vince DiStasi, Warren Throckmorton, Debbie Loughry, Kelly Habarka, Dan Amon, Heather Lesknic
Director attending: Kimberly Barbara
Employee Attending: Heather Baker
- (2) Amy called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and opened with prayer.
- (3) Minutes from the 2-8-17 meeting were approved. Warren made motion to approve minutes; Stacy seconded.
- (4) Treasurer's Report: Stacy presented her report, which shows total assets at \$1,453,301.94. Total income for Jan/Feb of this year is at \$39,961 compared to \$43,960 last year. Heather Lesknic made motion to approve the treasurer's report; Dan seconded. Motion carried.
- (5) Library Director's Report (from Kimberly):

Special Library Hours

- Thursday, March 16: Library closed to patrons for a staff development day. Staff will 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.
- Friday, March 31: Regular library operations will close early at 5 p.m. this evening for a special children's programming event. At 5 p.m., only pre-registered attendees for the "Fort Night" family program will be allowed to enter; the program will last from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adult Programming

Special Events:

- Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair: The library will co-host an appraisal fair with the GC Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 11, at the Grove City College trade show located at the Physical Learning Center. All proceeds benefit the GCCL and the Chamber of Commerce in a 50/50 split!

Ongoing Adult Programs in March

- Intro to Tech Drop-In Hour: Wednesday, March 1st and 15th, 1 to 2 p.m.
- Knitting & Crocheting Group: 2nd Thursday of each month (March 9) from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Monday Night Book Group: On Monday, March 13, members will discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, by Gabrielle Zevin.
- Mystery Lovers Book Club: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month (March 15) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. This month the group will discuss the first of three titles from the popular John Chee detective mystery series written by Tony Hillerman.
- “Cooking the Books” Cookbook Club: On Monday, March 20, we will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day by sharing recipes from this month’s featured cookbook, the beloved *Irish Pub Cookbook* by Margaret Johnson.
- Extreme Coupon Club: Meets March 27 with local coupon-extraordinaire Whitney Jones, who shares her secrets with attendees about how to take advantage of double coupons, online coupon sites and which stores offer the best deals – all of which can result in BIG savings!

Children/Young Adult Programming

Special Children’s Programming

- Fort Night at the Library: Children are invited to bring their blankets and pillows to join the library staff on Friday, March 31, for an evening of stories, snacks and fort-building!
- Kids’ Crafternoon: Kids of all ages can help Miss Heather clear out her craft cupboard from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 30.

- Free Family Movie Nights : We will screen the “BFG” (based on Roald Dahl’s book *The BFG (Big Friendly Giant)*) on March 10 and the musical movie “Trolls” on March 17.

Ongoing programs in March

- Kids Cooking Club: For children in grades 3 thru 6. Meets Friday, March 3. Currently, the winter session of the club is full; registration for the spring session (beginning in May and occurring monthly thru August) will begin following the April mtg.
- Pre-K Storytime: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Kids’ Chess Club: Monday, March 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. for boys and girls in grades 1 thru 6. Club meets the second Monday of each month.
- Play Day at the Library: Wednesdays in March from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.
- Page Master Book Club (Grades 1-2): This group will discuss *Dodsworth in Paris* by Tim Egan on Friday, March 9.
- Brown Bag Book Club (Grades 3-6): Members will discuss *Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool on Friday, March 24.
- Pokemon Club: Saturday, March 25, 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!

Coming Up

- Bookworm Babies Spring Session: Registration now open for spring session, which starts April 12 and continues weekly thru May 17.
- Lunch (and an egg hunt!) with the Easter Bunny: Friday, April 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children ages 3 thru the 5th grade. Library will only be open this day for those attending special event. Library will then close for the rest of the day and reopen on Monday, April 17.
- American Girl Tea Party: April 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. for children in 1st thru 5th grades. Registration is limited to 50 children maximum for this fancy night of tea, treats, raffles and giveaways!

- Spring Scholastic Book Fair: The fair will be held inside the library the week of April 24-28 during regular operational hours.
- Vader's Little Princess Tea Party: May 13 for children in K-3rd grade. Darth Vader and some of his friends will be attending this fun princess-themed party!
- Miss Heather noted she was invited to read books on Saturday, March 11, during the special Dr. Seuss Book Festival in Volant. Also, she plans to offer a cooking class club at the Grove City Middle School next year. She said she is glad we'll be able to provide this program to students.

Housekeeping/Back Office/Etc.:

- Staff Recognition: Miss Heather Baker is being recognized for her excellent work in the community – thru the library as well as her work for the school board – by the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society based at the Grove City College! She has been nominated for honorary membership to Omicron Delta Kappa and will be inducted on March 13 at 8 p.m. in the Morledge Room of Rathburn Hall on the GCC campus. We are exceedingly proud of Miss Heather and all of the wonderful work she does for the community's youth and just wish to recognize her for all that she does! 😊
- Library Dog News: Thor graduated from puppy "Kindergarten" obedience training in February and will next be enrolled in the Good Citizen training program thru ABC Puppy School at Agway as part of his path towards becoming a registered therapy dog once he is of age.
- Strawberry Days Festival Fundraiser
- Heather Baker: Bowling for Books Fundraiser in June and July.
- Summer Reading Program - planning already underway for children and adult programs!
- Kimberly received approval from board to offer library employees the opportunity to get supplemental health insurance at a special group rate thru Aflac.

- (6) Friends of the Library Report: Debbie talked about the “Pop-up (used) Bookstore” they had at the Winter Wine Walk on Saturday, Feb. 25. The sale of used books raised about \$150 over 8 hours at the event, but more importantly it served to promote the Friends’ recently introduced used Bookshelf Bookstore at the library which offers like-new used books for sale year-round. Debbie said they have made \$600 so far with the new bookstore. It opened in December. She also said they are planning to distribute their spring fund-raising campaign letters in May. They will have a meeting next week and are planning to make a donation to the library.
- (7) Unfinished Business: Board members formally adopted proposed anti-bullying policy. Warren made motion to approve; Debbie seconded. Motion carried. Policy was initially reviewed in December.
- (8) New Business: Financial consultant Greg Liszka, CFP, made a presentation at the board meeting regarding the library’s investment accounts. He announced the portfolio had seen a strong close to 2016 with a 13 percent return. This is in spite of an extremely volatile year. “I think we’ll have another good year,” said Liszka. He recommended the board continue with the current strategy but combine the Putnam Absolute Return into the Multi-Sector – totaling about \$100,000 - for better investment. We will evaluate the Money Market account and leave the Putnam Short Duration, which had an ending value of \$26,300.93, as is. Vince made motion to approve this action; Warren seconded. Motion carried. In other business, Heather Baker and Amy have worked on resolving some storage issues in the program room, making a construction renovation unnecessary. Board members responded favorably to a proposal to put a new stove (valued at \$450; library will pay \$200 for it) in the back corner of the program room. This will help open up a lot of opportunities in the future (cooking clubs, etc.) The boro will work on venting needs; library will pay for these supplies. And, Amy explained to board there will be no personnel change in connection with Kimberly’s upcoming maternity leave. She has been making preparations in advance of her leave, and she plans to check in and remain in contact with staff and board during her time off.
- (9) Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting is April 12.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on April 3, 2017.