

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

April 14, 2021

- (1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Kelly Habarka, George Pokrant, Dave Kershaw, Renee Coyne, Sue Miklos
Director attending: Amy Gallagher
Employee Attending: Heather Baker
- (2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and opened with prayer.
- (3) Minutes from the March meeting were approved following a motion by George and second from Dave.
- (4) Treasurer's Report: Stacy said she's making some progress with getting Quickbooks desktop set up. She may need help with payroll and tax accounts. The library received its second PPP grant, totaling \$26,000. Total GCCL income listed at \$87,681.19 for Jan thru March while net income was listed at \$29,243.89 in that period. George made motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second from Kelly. Motion carried.
- (5) Library Director's Report (from Amy):
 - Amy said the shelving installations undertaken while the library was closed to the public were the result of staff efforts along with assistance from the borough electric dept and volunteer Ron McCarl. There are new/additional shelving units in the children's area, including for the "easy reading" books and a separate space just for the very popular graphic novels. The children's computers were relocated opposite the circ desk, making it easier for staff to observe activities. Also, new shelving was placed in the adult reading area at the front of the building. These improvements allow for better flow/access to titles as well as allow for collection growth over the next 5 or so years. In addition, the new main server was successfully moved from Amy's office to a small storage closet at the back of the building.
 - Emphasis being placed on educating the community with regards to library funding. Amy said it's very important that our community knows 60 percent

of our budget is the result of community support. We receive only about \$30,000 a year from the state.

- Looking for volunteers who would be able to help clean up the outside of the library, help with maintaining plant beds and spreading mulch.
- Amy outlined plans to provide a new pond habitat for pet turtle Tortellini. She said she will set up a small pond, which had been donated.
- She also outlined plans for a local plant cut exchange, which has gone over very well with patrons of the Philadelphia Public Library.
- There have been problems with the library's phone system such as lost calls and failure to ring properly. Options are being considered. The current system is better suited for household use as opposed to business.
- Library reopened for in-person browsing April 12. The required quarantine on books and other returned materials has been reduced to 24 hours. It had been 7 days.
- Amy and children's librarian Heather Baker took board members on a tour of the building to further explain improvements. This also included the new genealogy center, employment center, new baking center featuring cake pans patrons can check out, and the refurbished, full-service family restroom that now offers free supplies like diapers and other baby needs. Heather said she instructed her cooking club students to check out one of the cake pans for an assignment in which they baked and decorated their own cake. And, Amy has installed "hideaway" storage shelving against the wall in the program room to accommodate craft supplies. There is one last row of shelving that is to be installed this winter in the adult area.

(6) Friends of the Library Report: Renee and Sue discussed their efforts toward the upcoming Putt-putt Palooza summer kickoff fundraiser event. It will be held 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Willow Hills golf center. Cost is \$40 per team; up to four participants. It will be a family-friendly event with prizes, raffle baskets, refreshments and more. Volunteers are being sought to help with the event. The Grove City Area Federal Credit Union is sponsoring four teams. The FCU also covered the cost of lunch this month for library staff in

observance of National Library Week. The FOL's Ace Roundup fundraiser was held all this month to benefit the library.

(7) Old Business. Amy said quotes for the building repairs needed at the front of the library as a result of the recent motorist accident have come in between \$9,000 and \$9,300, meaning the project won't have to go out for borough bid. However, the motorist's insurance company is arguing the quotes are "too high." Borough officials are handling the process.

(8) Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is May 12

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on May 3, 2021.