

Grove City Community Library

Board Minutes

Sept. 8, 2021

(1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Vince DiStasi, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Kelly Habarka, George Pokrant, Dave Kershaw, Renee Coyne, Sue Miklos

Director attending: Amy Gallagher

Employees Attending: none present (children's librarian Heather Baker unable to participate due to GC school board meeting)

(2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. *via Zoom online video conference* and opened with prayer.

(3) It was noted minutes from the board's last regular gathering on May 12 had been approved by board vote via email in June.

(4) Treasurer's Report: No formal report provided. Still having trouble with Quickbooks accounting program, which was switched from online back to desktop. Amy said she is planning to meet with a local individual who might be able to provide some advice and assistance with getting things on track and improve efficiency. Erin noted the second PPP loan was forgiven for the library, which was a big financial help.

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

- GCCL is reaching out to area non-profit agencies and organizations as part of the **Emergency Connectivity Fund program** being made available through the American Rescue Plan. This program seeks to assist individuals with remote learning, remote work and job searches. GCCL is anticipating the receipt of a maximum of 1,300 laptops and hot spots through the program. These will go to those in need in our area as identified through cooperating organizations such as United Way, food pantry, GC school district, adult education center and others. Erin said this will be an excellent outreach opportunity for our area since a good portion of the county doesn't have access to the Internet.

- Audit has been completed for this year ahead of schedule.
- **Budget preparation for 2022** will be getting underway.
- **Annual used book sale** (second year being held as a one-day-only event at Memorial Park) is Sept. 11. All the books from the library's storage unit (filled to capacity) will be displayed as well as an additional 30 boxes currently housed at the library. Thomas Construction has offered to drive a truck to assist with transportation of boxes on Friday, plus GC Middle School girls soccer team is expected to help set up Friday afternoon as well as other volunteers and staff. Numerous gift baskets will also be on display at the event for which raffle tickets will be sold. Baskets are to be raffled in early December.
- Current library hours, which were reduced due to pandemic, are expected to remain in effect. A waiver was received from the state that says libraries do not at this time need to fulfill previous hours of operation requirements. The quarantining of books and other materials is no longer required. Amy said they have not received any other guidance regarding mask use.
- Community support continues to remain strong. Generous donations have been received from families of loyal patrons who recently passed on.
- Summer reading went well and Heather Baker has resumed numerous children's programming events for the fall. **Storytime** for preschoolers was held inside the library for the first time in over a year. Heather had been conducting sessions at Tower Church. There are also weekly club meetings for **Pokemon** and **Lego**, virtual **kids' cooking classes** and the return of **Bookworm Babies** for toddlers ages 18 mths to 3 yrs. In addition, this month there will be some special Friday evening programming including a drive-in movie night where children can bring their own homemade "cars" to sit in, and a **Paws to Read** youth literacy event featuring kittens from the Grove City Area Pet Rescue (helps kids put their reading skills to use while also promoting the socialization of the animals). Participation in the stuffed animal sleepover event on Sept. 3 was very good. The library closes to the general public at 5 p.m. on Fridays.

- Adult programming activities are continuing with tech help by appointment, the monthly Monday Night Book Club, Make a Difference Knitting and Crocheting, and Dungeons & Dragons gaming nights. Amy said special adult crafting events will be coming up starting in October. She is also anticipating the library's plant exchange program will be starting by the end of September.
 - New phone system installed and working out well with expanded features to allow for improved efficiency and better access for employees working remote.
 - Erin noted Amy will celebrate a birthday this month – big thank you for all the work you do for the library! 😊
- (6) Friends of the Library Report: Renee said the summer kickoff putt putt fundraiser did great in June; a lot of work but also a lot of fun. Still looking to increase FOL's membership and will work at getting the word out, including a plug in the library's monthly newsletter. Renee said they are looking to have a letter fundraiser campaign this fall.
- (7) Unfinished Business: Erin said the building repairs have been completed where a car had hit the front of the library. The metal railing still needs replaced, however, officials are happy the repairs were completed relatively quickly.
- (8) New Business: Amy Geisinger, who has served as district consultant for our New Castle library district, has left this position in order to become a reviewer with the state. No one has taken over the vacant position at this point.
- (9) Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13

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