

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

October 13, 2021

(1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Kelly Habarka (via Zoom), George Pokrant, Sue Miklos

Director attending: Amy Gallagher

Employee Attending: Heather Baker

(2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and opened with prayer.

(3) Minutes from the September meeting were approved following motion from George and second from Stacy. Motion carried.

(4) Treasurer's Report: Stacy noted our investment account remains high at \$297,181. Checking account is at \$12,305. It was decided to close a savings account that currently lists less than \$500; these funds will be shifted to the checking account. Our investment account is continuing to do very well, considering the library typically draws between \$80,000 and \$100,000 a year to support the budget.

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

- End caps have been delivered to complete shelving project; however, we are now unable to get the shelving due to supply problems related to pandemic.
- Borough conducted annual safety inspection of library facility. Everything in compliance; reminder given regarding use of lock on oven in program room.
- Grant application for \$20,000 thru PA Humanities Council is being reviewed; may hear in next couple of weeks if we will be awarded funding.
- State aid amount for next year expected to be around \$29,600. This is what we traditionally receive.

- Used book sale held Sept. 11 at Memorial Park went very well with excellent weather and a strong turnout once again. Heather B. said they made \$2,400 on the sale. Tickets sold for gift baskets, to be raffled Dec. 10, have already brought in well over \$800. Baskets were on display at book sale, and tickets continue to be sold at library. May have seen higher sales from books if there had been more fiction available.
- Work study program in cooperation with Grove City High School is being arranged. GCHS students Teigen Gallagher and Ethan Pisano have applied to work at the library.
- Plant exchange could take place at the end of this month. We've been getting lots of donations of plant clippings.
- Adult crafting events expected to be held each month, starting this month with a cute fall wagon decoration.
- Two high school volunteers are currently helping out and could be hired to staff early next year.
- Some roof leaks have been identified in building; boro is checking on this.
- New phone system and printer both working out well.
- Plans announced to put a projector and screen in front adult reading room so staff can hold two separate programs at one time.
- Plans in place for staff to cover work responsibilities of Wendy in December when she is scheduled to undergo a procedure. She is also planning to work from home as needed.

Children's programming (from Heather B.)

- Children's programming schedule is back in full swing with weekly clubs/gatherings plus special events.
- In September, there were 17 programs held with a total of 200 children counted in attendance.

- A new addition is a Spanish class that meets every other week. Heather said this program is going over very well with registration maxed at 15 students.
 - Christmas Tea with a French theme scheduled for Dec. 5. Currently have 34 individuals registered to participate; will have 60 spots available.
 - Other upcoming events include the annual Star Wars event Oct. 16 at the park; family Halloween party Oct. 29 at the library, and a Dollars and Sense program for kids presented by Mars Bank (20 children have signed up to participate).
- (6) Friends of the Library Report: Sue noted they are looking into a fall letter campaign. The FOL bookshop at the library will be refreshed with different titles; holiday books to be displayed soon.
- (7) Unfinished Business: District consultant post remains unfilled; GCCL is being temporarily served by other regional consultants as needed.
- (8) New Business: Heather Baker, who is not seeking re-election to the local school board this fall, is now a member of the adult education board. She said she was glad to join the board and that this will serve as a way for the library and adult education board to share resources and help each other out. The library staff's annual sock/gift exchange + holiday party will be held Dec. 23. Board members invited to stop by for refreshments between noon and 2 p.m. 😊
- (9) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting is Nov. 10.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Nov. 1, 2021.