

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

February 8, 2023

(1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Kelly Habarka, Dave Kershaw, Carla Ligo, Renee Coyne, 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 January meeting were approved following a motion from Stacy and second by Dave. Motion carried.

(4) Treasurer's Report: Board members approved in an online vote Jan. 26-27 the move to a new auditing firm in an effort to reduce expenses and provide a more efficient process. The library had been with McGill Power Bell for the last five years or so. Maher Duessel of Butler handles only non-profit or government work, including a number of libraries in the region. Proposed fee to complete 2022 audit is \$11,500. A 2022 review would be \$6,500. Maher Duessel uses an online portal, which should be helpful for staff.

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

- A **beginner Learn to Crochet class** will be held Tuesdays, April 4 thru April 25 at the library. A patron has volunteered to instruct.
- Amy and Erin are currently reviewing the library's bylaws and will ask members to review a consolidated draft once complete. A vote could take place in March.
- Dan Amon's **wine making class** went over very well with about 20 individuals attending. They are now planning to meet once a month at the library as a club.
- Amy commented on the state's requirements of libraries and the continued lack of balance when it comes to libraries receiving adequate funding to meet these obligations that include audits, hours of operation, collection additions/features, and the extensive annual report filed by staff. There are

efforts in some communities across the country to go to “fine-free libraries.” In a related issue, Heather Baker said the library will be reimbursed \$200 for costs associated with a Hot Spot device that was never returned. Heather said she filed a complaint with the local magistrate and participated in a court hearing on the matter.

(6) Children’s programming/fundraising (from Heather B.):

- Heather updated the board on Fandomfest, which will be the community’s first-ever comic convention. Will have about 12 to 15 vendors for the event at the Masonic Lodge. Graphic novelist couple to attend, plus food trucks and additional refreshments for sale. Moonshot Museum of Pittsburgh will offer hands-on space demonstrations for kids. Costume contest and more ! Admission will be \$5 per person; free to kids age 10 and under.
- **American Girl Tea Party** will be March 17 at the library.
- Gearing up for **Soup-er Sale** Feb. 17 at the library. Homemade soups, sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks will be sold during the popular fundraiser.
- The library will renew its movie licensing agreement for a cost of \$550 for the year. Heather plans to show at least 25 movies this year. The classic movie club that currently meets at the Guthrie Theater may start meeting at the library instead.
- A girl was recently recognized as being the first child at GCCL to have 100 books read as part of the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten literacy initiative**.
- A **Llama Llama pajama party** is being planned for March 3. Participants are asked to bring a new pair of pajamas to donate to children in need in our community.
- A community-wide spaghetti dinner is being planned March 25 to benefit the families affected by a fatal January fire in which a young child and a man were victims.

(7) Friends of the Library Report: FOL donated \$2,500 to library last month.

They are expected to have the roundup fundraiser with Ace Hardware in May. In addition, a second batch of fundraising letters went out last month to library members. Some other ideas that were briefly discussed included

a Wendell August keepsake bookmark fundraiser and participation in the Strawberry Days event in June. A T-shirt fundraising effort is likely to be offered at the upcoming Fandomfest on May 13 and also to kick off the summer reading program. Heather B. said the “**Reading is my Super Power**” T-shirt theme would be perfect for the Fandomfest and families in the community.

(8) Unfinished Business: Nothing to address.

(9) New Business: Board members voted to add Springfield Twp to the board of trustees as it is now a contributing municipality. Dave made motion with second from Kelly. Motion carried. Member/resident Liz Kingsley’s status will be changed from an at-large member to a contributing member.

(10) Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next meeting is March 8.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Feb. 28, 2023.