

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

Nov. 1, 2023

(1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, George Pokrant, Liz Kingsley, Carla Ligo and Sue Miklos (Ligo and Miklos via Zoom)

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 a motion from George and second by Stacy. Motion carried. (*no meeting was held in October*)

(4) Treasurer's Report: Erin said the library has sufficient funding to make it thru January. We have received a \$25,000 payment from our insurance company in response to our filed claim as related to theft charges against former director Amy Gallagher. We have also received anticipated income from Grove City Boro and Liberty and Wolf Creek twps. There is \$73,000 in account currently, and we can expect to receive our state funding in Jan/Feb. Library staff and officials are continuing to make every effort to contain non-essential expenses. An adjustment in the library's lobby carpet cleaning service contract with Cintas is helping to cut costs as well. Stacy said she sent information over to auditors in October and answered their questions. We may be able to resume regular hours of operation this spring. We are supposed to be open 45 hours a week and are currently open 36 hours a week due to financial constraints. Heather B. said staff members have come up with a solid plan for adding hours when applicable.

(5) Children's Dept./Fundraising (from Heather B.):

- Soup and sandwich sale will be held Nov. 10 with 16 individuals donating soups. All supplies have been donated. This will be the library's last fundraiser of the year.

- On Dec. 9, high school students from GCHS's ACE program and the GC Interact Club, will host a "Brunch with Santa" event and Polar Express party at Hillview. Cost is \$10 per child. Proceeds will benefit GCCL.
- Heather also presented information on two upcoming author visits. Janice Abernethy, a retired Greenville school district teacher, has published the children's book, "ABC Keystone Safari Rhymes," using the Springfield Twp animal park theme. Also, the Peterson triplets have published their first young adult book.
- Planning a Dec. 8 activity for the holidays where children can decorate a mini Christmas tree.
- A Harry Potter event that was initially scheduled for October has been postponed until February. There is too much going on in the fall, she explained.

(6) Friends of the Library Report: Sue said the Primanti's fundraiser is tomorrow. The last fundraiser there raised over \$500 for FOL. The group received less than \$100 from a Hoss's fundraiser in October. Sue said she is planning to attend a Bingo fundraiser outside of Pittsburgh in order to see if it's something the FOL could plan here for the library. She said she heard back from two of the 12 individuals who had expressed interest in becoming FOL members at the September used book sale. She is also hoping to send out letters this month to appeal for donations from those who have not already donated this spring. The group has about \$2,000 in its account.

(7) New Business: Could have a proposed budget in December; potential vote in January.

(8) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Lesknic, board secretary, on Dec. 1, 2023.