

Grove City Community Library

Board Minutes

August 13, 2026

(1) Board Members attending: Carla Ligo, Dave Kershaw, Heather Leskanic, Vince DiStasi, Kim Marks

Absent/Excused: Lydia Speice, Antonia Thomas, Christina Van Hoek

Interim Director attending: Scott Amon

Invited guest: Ed Opst, via Zoom

(2) Carla called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Quorum present.

(3) Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

(4) Treasurer's Report: The total for expenditures for July totaled \$16,203.56 compared to \$15,319.85 in July 2025. Net operating revenue is shown at \$7,258.82 in the negative compared to \$29,747.28 for the previous July. Scott noted the higher revenue number for 2025 is largely a result of the major fundraising effort being undertaken last year and the significant contribution thru the PA/OH Giving Week campaign. This year, the library received \$3,526 from the Grove City Foundation. This is the first year the library's assets grew since 2015. A total of \$171,191 in bank account.

(5) Bills Paid/To Be Paid: In the amount of \$21,234 (includes \$6,600 payment to Opst & Associates for audit and 990 filing); Vince made motion to approve with second from Dave. Motion carried; none opposed.

(6) President's Report (from Carla):

- Board members heard from Ed Opst of Opst & Associates of Greensburg with regards to the recently-completed full audit of the library's financial statements ending Dec. 31, 2025. No recommendations were made in the report that would point to areas library officials should change or adjust. Ed noted library staff should strive to reconcile accounts monthly. He added that he appreciated Scott's assistance in providing information for the audit. The report is expected to be posted on the GCCL website and forwarded to Grove City Boro administrators.

- Interview with director candidate Cristy Meade went very well. Will schedule follow-up meeting for her with staff.
- Looking into possibly restarting Ancestry access at GCCL. This had previously been funded thru the New Castle Library District. May be grant money available.
- Continuing to receive books for upcoming used book sale.

(7) Library Director's Report (from Scott):

- Board members voted to pay a total of \$1,662 toward American Funds Retirement interest. This figure was provided by the library's financial advisor, Greg Liszka. Dave made motion with second from Vince. Motion carried; none opposed.
- Board also approved a \$400 expense toward district cataloging for replacement software. Dave made motion; Kim seconded. Motion carried; none opposed.
- Completed job description edits for staff.
- It is not likely the library will need to submit waivers regarding state aid applications next year because we are currently meeting requirements for hours of operation and spending more on collection expenses.
- Scott is putting together a director's manual with a timeline and calendar that will help future administrators know what needs done and when. Scott's last day is Aug. 29.
- The summer reading program concluded following a very successful season with more than 400 children participating.
- Dr. Sara Petersen provided 3 special sessions over the summer to help children learn more about prosthetics and equipment that assist individuals with mobility challenges. These sessions were well received.
- Used book sale is Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at GC Memorial Park. Library will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, for set up.
- Closed Sept. 5 & 6 for Labor Day weekend.
- Magic the Gathering second annual fundraiser, coordinated by staff member Sean Newton, will be held on Sept. 5.

(8) Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Sept. 9, 2026.