

Grove City Community Library

Board Minutes

April 9, 2026

(1) Board Members attending: Carla Ligo, Dave Kershaw, Heather Leskanic, Kim Marks, Lydia Speice, Antonia Thomas

Absent/Excused: Vince DiStasi

Interim Director attending: Scott Amon

Visitors attending: Christina Van Hoek (board member candidate), Dr. Sara Peterson

(2) The board met with Christina Van Hoek to hear about her interest in joining the board. She works at Northwest Bank in town and also is a part-time manager at the outlets. She said the library has been beneficial to her family, and her daughter previously served as a library volunteer. Christina said she could help the library with networking efforts in the community.

(3) Carla called the regular meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

(4) Minutes from the March meeting were accepted following a motion from Antonia and a second from Lydia. Motion carried; none opposed.

(5) Bills Paid/To Be Paid: Amounts totaling \$15,987.42 were approved following brief presentation from Scott. Dave made motion with second from Kim. Motion carried; none opposed. Anderson Insurance's annual bill was approved; there was a slight increase, from \$1,982 to \$2,025 a year, for officer insurance.

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

- An amendment to the Unattended Minors in the Library policy is being proposed. Kim noted some additional revisions/corrections that should be made prior to a vote being taken.
- Searches for a new board treasurer and library director are underway. Sarah Johnston has resigned as board treasurer. And Scott Amon has announced his intention to resign at the end of the summer. Kim, who is a librarian at Grove City College, said she will check with the accounting department chair to see if there are students who can assist us in financial

matters. Credit internships might be possible in this area. Also, as we conduct search for new director, we will be re-evaluating all job descriptions for staff members.

- Vote expected next month regarding Christina Van Hoek's interest in joining board.
- Library has received word that we will receive the full amount requested in United Way annual grant. This includes \$5,100 for children's dept and \$1,320 for Hot Spots. A UW luncheon will be held April 17 at the Grove City Country Club. Carla and Antonia plan to attend on library's behalf.

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

- Bank account balance will be \$174,925. Last March, the balance was \$76,000. In other categories, gross profit this March was \$14,830.09 compared to \$6,854.48 in March 2025. Scott said we now have 50 individuals making monthly donations to the library. These contributions amounted to a total of \$1,628.60 last month compared to \$275 in March 2025. It was noted income to the library from making copies for patrons totaled \$523 last month compared to \$215.80 the previous March. Scott said this was mainly due to a couple of larger copy projects being requested. Antonia said she sees it as evidence of more people coming in to use the library and the restoration of trust in the community.
- Dr. Betty White has indicated she would like to make a \$1,000 donation to GCCL and open a third CD. Dave made motion to approve this action with a second from Lydia. Motion carried; none opposed.
- We will be requesting \$9,000 from the BB Williams GC Community Foundation this year. Last year, the library received a \$7,000 grant to purchase books.
- Kim Marks was approved by the board to be an additional signor for checks.
- Looking into possibility of adding security cameras throughout library facility and outside at the entrance.
- UW Day of Caring event will be Saturday, April 11. A team of volunteers will be re-mulching the front beds at the library and raking out a side alley.

- Upcoming fundraisers include Blackout Burger from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 16 and Libations Winery on May 7.
- Board members are being asked to make sure their volunteer clearances are up to date.
- American Girl Tea Party is Friday, April 10. There are 32 girls signed up for popular annual event.

(8) New Business: Dr. Sara Peterson, whose specialty is prosthetics, spoke to the board about a proposal to offer a 3-session pilot program at the library this summer for middle school age children to learn more about different ways to move and helping tools. Board members were very receptive to proposal. Dr. Peterson plans to consult with children's librarian Heather Baker to further discuss the program proposal.

(9) Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Next meeting is May 14.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on May 2, 2026.