

## G.C. Community Library

### Board Minutes

January 10, 2024

- (1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, George Pokrant, Dave Kershaw, Sue Miklos, Liz Kingsley, Carla Ligo  
Employee Attending: Heather Baker
- (2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and opened with prayer.
- (3) Minutes from the December meeting were approved following a motion from George with second by Dave. Motion carried.
- (4) Treasurer's Report: Stacy will do year end taxes this weekend. Continuing to answer auditors' questions. Our current balance is at \$61,423.46. State money will be coming in early February (should be around \$30,000). Some larger bills will be due soon including Evolve annual fee of \$4,000 as well as a \$2,500 bill for our large-print subscription service.
- (5) Library Operations Update (from Erin):
  - State report will be due Feb/March.
  - Budget not yet finalized; vote expected in February.
  - George offered to check with GC boro manager regarding what amount of money they are budgeting for the library this year. The boro provided two payments to the library in 2023 totaling \$13,500. Previously, that amount had been \$16,000.
  - Erin and Stacy detailed the system they currently have in place for bill paying and deposits. But Erin expressed need to hire someone as library director.
- (6) Children's Programming/ Fundraisers (from Heather B.):
  - January is off to a really good start. Regular features such as weekly storytime continue as well as weekly chess and Lego clubs. Theme Bingo nights are very popular, and the Winter Reading Challenge will continue thru Feb. 22. Wintertime Bookworm Babies sessions are every Wednesday from Jan. 10 thru Feb. 14.
  - Soup-er Fundraiser scheduled for Friday, March 8.

- Library will be closed Friday, Feb. 9, to set up for Harry Potter “A Night at Hogwarts” special event.
  - American Girl Tea Party will be April 5.
  - Cookie expert Grammy Pammy will offer Valentine’s Day cookie class Jan. 25 at library. Charge for the evening session is \$45, which includes all class supplies.
- (7) Friends of the Library Report: Sue discussed her plan to host a large-scale Bingo fundraiser this spring (tentatively Saturday, April 13) at the Masonic Hall in GC. She is working on obtaining a Bingo license. The library obtains a small games of chance license for the year. Sue said she is hoping for participation of around 200 players. Will leave promotional fliers at locations throughout area, including Sandy Lake and Harrisville. In addition, Sue has scheduled upcoming meetings with potential new FOL members.
- (8) New Business: Approved motion to offer job of interim library director to part-time employee Scott Amon. An evaluation will be undertaken after 6 months with total review at one year. If Scott decides he would like to be the permanent/full-time director and the library would pay for the necessary educational credits. George made motion to approve with second from Carla and Liz. Motion carried unanimously. It was announced Carla had provided the traditional holiday bonus gift cards to staff on behalf of the board. 😊
- (9) Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Feb. 1, 2024.