

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

January 8, 2026

- (1) Board Members attending: Carla Ligo (via Zoom), Dave Kershaw, Sarah Johnston, Heather Leskanic, Vince DiStasi, Lydia Speice
Interim Director attending: Scott Amon
Visitors Attending: Kelly Dumrauf, Barbara Hedegore, Michele McCarl, Mary “Skip” Sample, Jeanine Thompson
- (2) Dave called a special executive session to order at 6 p.m. Lydia made motion to approve welcoming new member Antonia Thomas of Grove City to the board of trustees. Vince seconded motion. Motion carried; none opposed.
- (3) The regular meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with action to update bylaws to allow for a simple majority (50 % + 1) to constitute a quorum. Vince made motion with second from Lydia. Motion carried; none opposed.
- (4) Minutes from the December meeting were approved as presented following motion from Lydia and second from Vince. Motion carried; none opposed.
- (5) Bills Paid/To Be Paid: Scott reviewed spreadsheet showing billing amounts and payroll totaling \$14,785.65 (Jan. 9 thru Feb. 12). Scott said these were standard expenses. He noted Armstrong’s billing is being automated. Lydia made motion to pay bills with second from Vince. Motion carried; none opposed.
- (6) Public Comment: Jeanine Thompson, a supervisor with Pine Township, requested the library’s revenue and expense report for 2025. Scott said he would be happy to provide the document to the township.
- (7) President’s Report (from Carla):
 - Last year’s fundraising efforts were primarily handled by library staff, with help from volunteers and board members. Board members will have some increased visibility at the library as they are being scheduled to help staff at

the circulation desk on Saturdays. The library started expanded hours, including reopening on Saturdays, at the start of the month.

- Board open house set for Saturday, Feb. 7.
 - Mystery at the Library theater event tentatively scheduled for Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. Thespian students from GCHS will host event.
- (8) Treasurer's Report (from Sarah): December's statement of activity was provided as well as a statement of financial position. As of Jan. 8, GCCL has a total of \$207,734.03 for bank accounts (including \$30,670.66 in investment account). Total for assets is listed at \$791,058.75. Sarah said they will look further into some of the categories, including liabilities, because those numbers were not computing correctly. The statement of activity lists \$40,691.11 as total for income/gross profit. Total for payroll was \$11,515.97, and total for expenses was \$14,300.54. A relative of Vince DiStasi's has agreed to assist the library as a CPA.
- (9) Library Director's Report (from Scott):
- Scott has applied for a grant to replace the library's AED, which is at least 8 years old, plus recertification of staff on its use.
 - Donations are still coming in from the donor letter that was issued Dec. 12 to more than 2,000 recipients. Total income so far is at \$20,800. It cost \$551 to mail the letters (\$363 for bulk mailing thru New Castle Library District). It cost 17 cents per letter via bulk mailing. NC provided assistance with printing the letters and stuffing envelopes (with help from their FOL volunteer group). Next year, we plan on sending out the letters in mid-October. Last year's campaign brought in between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Overall, donations for this quarter are up, from \$43,621 last year to \$45,729 this year.
 - Skip Sample has provided the library with folders containing printouts of the library's programs and services, to hand out to patrons and other interested individuals. Board members thanked her for her efforts and assistance with raising awareness of all that the library currently offers.
 - We currently have 55 monthly donors (49 using Zeffy). We have so far received a total of \$7,624.22 thru this program that started in April 2025. It

helps to provide a continued source of income for GCCL. Mostly, these are individuals making regular monthly donations, anywhere from \$5 to \$100 a month but most are giving \$25 a month. Projected income for the year is at \$12,174.

- In process of training 5 to 6 new volunteers to assist with library operations.
- State aid amount of \$41,108 was received on Jan. 5.
- Annual report begins in February. This involves the compilation of data over the past year and secures state funding for 2027.
- United Way grant cycle is coming up. GCCL plans to apply for funding. Last year, GCCL received \$1,100 for Hotspots and a laptop computer.
- Scott shared some highlights of children's programming schedule. The annual Passport on a Plate event will be held Jan. 31. A variety of countries and cultures will be featured. Children's Bingo events will continue, and the Harry Potter event is scheduled for Feb. 20.
- New monthly fundraisers at local restaurants and businesses for the first half of 2026 have been scheduled. Details will be published in the library's newsletter as well as on the website and Facebook.

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

Next meeting is Feb. 12

Minutes submitted by Heather Lesknic, board secretary, on Feb. 10, 2026.