

## G.C. Community Library

### Board Minutes

April 12, 2023

- (1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Carla Ligo, Dave Kershaw, Sue Miklos  
Director attending: Amy Gallagher  
Employee Attending: Heather Baker
- (2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. and opened with prayer.
- (3) Minutes from the March meeting were approved following a motion from Stacy and second by Carla. Motion carried.
- (4) The board's regular meeting followed a different format due to concern over library finances. Erin and Amy apprised board members of the situation saying their assessment shows the library as only being able to meet payroll and operating expenses thru May. Investments have floundered and community contributions from businesses and individuals are down, they said. In order to drum up immediate and significant financial support, officials shared a letter they have prepared to send out to business and community leaders as well as advertise on social media and all available means. In addition, it was announced that the library would be closed Saturdays starting May 6 in an effort to conserve funds. There will be a temporary ban on the purchase of new books and materials; only essential spending will be approved. The library needs to be open at least 35 hours a week, Amy noted. In addition, some of the part-time staffers may need to be laid off. The letter that was composed includes a breakdown of GCCL's financial statistics for 2022, showing a deficit of \$123,910. The pandemic is being identified as a major contributor to the fiscal crisis as well as the difficult economy which is leading businesses and individuals to not want to give as much money to the library as previous years. We do have a number of fundraisers coming up including a bake sale to coincide with the first day of summer reading registration, a submarine sandwich sale, a summer craft show/sale at Memorial Park, and the

Fandomfest event on May 13. Heather B. said fundraisers last year brought in close to \$10,000 (this included the used book sale, gift basket raffle, and two soup & sandwich sales). Grove City Nutrition volunteered to make June 2 library day at their store with a percentage of proceeds being earmarked for the library. Amy said she is looking into what grant money might be available. She will also check in with Grove City Foundation representatives for assistance.

(5) Friends of the Library Report: Sue said the potential ACE Hardware roundup fundraiser is not a definite for this spring despite her attempts to have it on the schedule. She also mentioned the “Night at the Races” gambling fundraiser the GC football boosters put on each fall. It appears to be a very successful annual event and one the library could look into as perhaps a spring fundraiser so as not to interfere with the local fall event. Sue also noted she is working on putting together a Pittsburgh-themed gift basket to help raise funds for the library.

(6) Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on May 2, 2023.