Grove City Community Library

Board Minutes

September 10, 2026

(1) Board Members attending: Carla Ligo, Dave Kershaw, Christina Van Hoek, Heather Leskanic, Kim Marks, Lydia Speice (on Zoom), Antonia Thomas
Excused/Absent: Vince DiStasi
Director attending: Cristy Meade (on Zoom)

(2) Carla called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

(3) Board members welcomed Cristy to the meeting via videoconference. Members voted unanimously to approve Cristy as the new full-time library director at a salary of $40,000 a year. She is expected to begin Sept. 21 and is in the process of moving to the area with her husband from the Columbus, OH, area where she has been serving as president of the West Licking Historical Society. She holds a degree in Library Science from Penn West (Clarion) and is a Western PA native of Oakland Twp, Venango Co.

(4) Minutes from the August meeting were approved following a motion from Dave and second from Antonia. Motion carried; none opposed.

(5) Bills Paid: Totaling $21,234.09; Kim made motion to approve with second from Dave/Antonia. Motion carried; none opposed. Carla will check into liability insurance coverage with Utica National Insurance. Amount due listed at $600 and described as final payment until new policy in November.

(6) Treasurer's Report: Christina is to be added as a signor for checks. Balance in checking is at $158,154.18. However, a complete financial report/quarterly report was not available due to issue with bank and Quickbooks. The library has multiple fundraisers coming up, including the big used book sale on Sept. 12; gift basket raffle; fabric/sewing sale on Oct. 10; soup sale on Nov. 13, and the Christmas cookie walk in December.

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

- A Proliteracy Fund opportunity is available for GCCL. Carla is submitting an application for funds. The program primarily seeks to provide resources that benefit children and adults with disabilities.
- A 5 percent pay increase is being considered for hourly employees (all staff, except for new director who is salaried). An annual cost-of-living pay increase has been standard for employees, however, this was not possible in the last two years due to financial distress.
- It was noted Heather Baker will receive overtime pay for working 2 hours on Monday. She will be working all day Saturday at the book sale.
- Extensive discussion was held related to the upcoming GC book sale and last-minute inquiries about books that do not sell. The Sharon Herald published an article saying they would be collecting used books to distribute to the free little libraries residents provide at their properties. Dolly Parton's passing served as a catalyst towards this project. The late timing of the inquiries has put a huge strain on GCCL staff and board officials, who are attempting to come up with a plan so that Sharon Herald reps can pick up what will likely be a significant number of leftover books. GCCL children's librarian and fundraiser organizer Heather Baker was contacted by phone during the meeting to talk about the situation and give further details. It was related that local library reps have tried for years but have been unable to locate organizations that would accept the unsold books. Heather B. said the library staff are thankful for donations that are in good condition. Many are added to their collection, helping the library save a lot of money. Unfortunately, donations are dropped off that are in extremely poor condition and have to be disposed of. The library accepts book, CD and DVD donations year-round, and guidelines are available online and at the library.

(8) Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting is Oct. 8.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Oct. 4, 2026.