

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

October 12, 2022

(1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, George Pokrant (on Zoom), Dave Kershaw, Sue Miklos (on Zoom), Liz Kingsley

Director attending: Amy Gallagher

Employee Attending: Heather Baker

(2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and opened with prayer.

(3) Minutes from the September 2022 meeting were approved following a motion from Stacy and second by Dave.

(4) Treasurer's Report: no report provided

(5) Library Director's Report (from Amy):

- Audit and taxes have been completed for this year.
- BB Williams provided library with \$7,000 in grant funds.
- Next month will mark the start of budget discussions for 2023.
- Amy said she is planning to check at the state level whether the library has options in response to word that the covid-related waiver regarding hours of operation is expected to expire at the end of this year. It had initially been expected to expire at end of 2023. Amy said we don't have the staff to cover extended hours on Saturdays. If necessary, the library could open an hour earlier on weekdays. Another possibility is having unpaid volunteers provide help on Saturdays.

(6) Children's Director Report/ Fundraising (from Heather B.):

- A family event featuring stories around the campfire went well with between 25-30 individuals attending. Amy brought two fire pits to the library lot for the outdoor evening gathering.
- GC third graders from Hillview visited the library recently.
- **Star Wars** day set for Oct. 15 at Memorial Park. A Star Wars bingo event will be hosted the evening before.

- Soup-er fundraiser will be held Thursday, Nov. 10, at the library. This event features a large variety of homemade soups donated by volunteers and staff. 😊
- Other upcoming events include Thanksgiving “Turkey Bingo,” a Peppa Pig Christmas Tea, and a Treebeard Brown concert from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 3 at Masonic Hall.

(7) Friends of the Library Report: Sue said they are continuing to work on preparing the letter that will be sent out to solicit financial donations. She said she donated some of the leftover used books from last month’s sale and also received \$50 in exchange for selling some to half-price books.

(8) Unfinished Business: Heather Baker said she and Liz plan to attend Springfield Twp’s upcoming budget meeting. The library has data showing the township’s high level of patronage among residents. However, the twp does not have a consistent method for making reliable, annual financial contributions to the library.

(9) New Business: Following discussion, George made motion to allocate \$5,000 towards the purchase of new computers for staff. Stacy seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. Amy said they are going to need a total of 5 new computers, and the plan is to approach it piecemeal. Erin also said she’d look into George’s suggestion that leasing programs may be available.

(10) Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Nov. 1, 2022.