

Grove City Community Library

Board Minutes

July 16, 2026

(1) Board Members attending: Carla Ligo, Dave Kershaw, Heather Leskanic, Vince DiStasi, Kim Marks, Antonia Thomas

Absent/Excused: Lydia Speice, Christina Van Hoek

Interim Director attending: Scott Amon

(2) Carla called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

(3) Minutes from the May meeting (no meeting was held in June) were accepted.

(4) Bills to be paid, July 10 thru Aug. 13. Antonia made motion; Dave seconded. Motion carried; none opposed.

(5) Treasurer's Report: Scott presented information from a statement of activity comparison for May thru June 2026. He said income was down but so were expenses. Total for contributions during that period was \$35,428.99 this year compared to \$31,191.09 last year. Gross profit is listed as \$42,920.22 this year compared to \$50,052.75 in 2025.

And, net operating revenue totals \$15,403.46 this year compared to \$14,808.73 last year. Pine Twp has sent us their annual contribution of \$14,600, which is the same amount as last year. We received our contribution from Grove City Boro in the amount of \$14,000, which is also the same amount the library received in 2025.

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

- Clearances are needed for volunteers, and a proposed volunteer policy will be presented next month. This policy proposal stems from a recent incident at the library after business hours that involved a library volunteer. An attempt was made by a professional delivery person to leave a piece of equipment at the library instead of at another local business where it was intended to be delivered.

- Continuing with director search. Will schedule interviews with eligible applicants. Scott noted he will put together an instruction manual for the new director and will help train the individual in person if he or she is hired before the end of August.

(7) Library Director's Report (from Scott):

- The library received \$3,413 in this year's PA/OH Giving Week. We are still awaiting a contribution from the GC Foundation. Last year, the GC Foundation and All Good Things placed their donation money in the Giving campaign, which is a matching initiative. The foundation typically makes a \$7,000 annual donation to GCCL. All Good Things is also a strong supporter of GCCL, giving the library \$1,000 every month. Last year, GCCL received a total of \$27,123 in the Giving Week campaign.
- Looking to partner with Grove City College to digitize local obituaries that have been published in the Allied News. The newspaper has given us copyright permission.
- Close to finishing audit, likely towards the end of July or early August. All is all going smoothly. A representative from Opst is expected to present a report to the board at the August meeting.
- District consultant Barbara McGary has offered to meet with the board and provide helpful information toward the director search.
- Library may benefit from a donation from Maple Lane Farms this year. The business made a \$2,000 contribution to the library in 2024 but did not make a donation last year.
- A total of 425 children and teens have signed up for summer reading. This is a significant increase over last year's numbers, which totaled around 350. The most popular program has been the cosplay rubber duck contest, which featured close to 70 entries.
- A Weavery's Creamery fundraiser will be held July 16, and the Picnic in the Park is rescheduled for Aug. 6.

(8) New Business: Greg Liszka, the library's financial advisor from Iron Point Financial of Grove City (www.ironpointfin.com) spoke to the board about the library's investments. He has been handling the account for more than

10 years and said this is the best position he's seen the library in in a long time. The library currently has \$176,904 in its checking account and \$31,149.27 in its investment account. Following considerable discussion and a practical assessment of the financial climate, board members voted to move \$10,000 from the checking account into the Money Market account to be invested in a blue chip fund. Kim made motion with second from Dave. Motion carried; none opposed.

(9) Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting is August 13.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Aug. 12, 2026.