

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

September 21, 2022

- (1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Vince DiStasi (via Zoom), Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Liz Kingsley, Kelly Habarka, Dave Kershaw, Sue Miklos
Director attending: Amy Gallagher
Employee Attending: Heather Baker
- (2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and opened with prayer.
- (3) Minutes from the May 2022 meeting were approved following a motion from Dave and a second from Stacy. Motion carried. (No meetings were held June-August.)
- (4) Treasurer's Report: Amy announced the audit has been completed and without any findings. It is being forwarded to the state as required. She said she was happy it was done on time and overall went smoothly. Spending has been a little higher at the library due to costs of products/services being up. And, less people are donating money but the difference is not that significant when compared to last year. The use of Quickbooks for bookkeeping has been problematic. Auditors had problems as well, said Amy. Stacy said she would set up a "share drive."
- (5) Library Director's Report (from Amy):
 - Participation in adult craft events has increased significantly. Amy said they are now averaging 40 participants per session. The highest was 50 registrants for a sunflower wreath craft. Amy said their first craft event saw 15 participants. Some upcoming crafts will feature a tiered, lighted tray and a Christmas lantern with pine accents. "It's taken off like wildfire," she said. They also offer to-go kits for the quality projects.
 - Wendy Riggi coordinated a successful adult summer reading program this year. It finished up at the end of August. Prizes were provided to the top participants.

- The library continues to offer its monthly Make a Difference knit and crochet group; the weekly Dungeons & Dragons gaming group headed by Sean Newton ; and the Monday Night Book Club.
- The Grove City Foundation has awarded the library a \$7,000 donation.
- The GC borough's annual safety inspection was handled Sept. 20 at the library.
- Looking into the purchase of new staff computers. The current laptop models crash and freeze a lot, Amy said. These had been donated by Grove City College. Amy and Erin said they will look into getting a good price on computers that can handle a lot of working data.
- Scott Amon, who is currently a full-time staff member, was recognized for his enthusiastic efforts in routinely providing assistance to staff and patrons.

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

- Heather said the library had a fantastic summer with a total of 589 children signed up to participate in Summer Reading. There were 62 programs offered across a period of 12 weeks. Heather said 1,734 children attended programs during the summer session. A number of special programs were organized to highlight the "Oceans of Possibilities" theme, including a Pirate Day, Mermaid Day, Shark Day, and Swim Party Luau.
- The staff was a tremendous support thru the busy summer season, Heather noted.
- Upcoming events include the annual Star Wars Day, Oct. 15; Family Halloween Party, Oct. 28; soup fundraiser, Nov. 10.
- The annual one-day-only used book sale did extremely well on Sept. 17 at Memorial Park. Heather said it brought in \$5,109. The last three sales have been one day only events at the park, with last year's total money raised at \$2,400. This year, the library has more than 20 gift baskets for the annual holiday raffle. Tickets will be drawn in early December. Heather said her goal is to raise \$3,000 from the raffle. Last year, there were 15 baskets that brought in over \$2,000. 😊

- (7) Friends of the Library Report: Sue said they are planning to send out fundraising campaign letters in November. They have also provided several gift baskets for the annual raffle. Two other gift baskets were raffled over the summer to help promote the reading programs. Amy expressed gratitude for FOL's continued efforts.
- (8) Unfinished Business: Plans to approach Springfield Twp supervisors regarding need for continued financial support.
- (9) New Business: Dave Kershaw provided information that his students have been working on related to the GC library's circulation numbers. His printout included junior graphic novel circulations from 2010 thru 2021 (less than 800 total in 2010 compared to close to 3,000 in 2021); junior graphic novel circulations as % of children's circulations (2.1 % in 2010 compared to 15.9 % in 2022); and large print books as a % of total circulations (4.5 % in 2010 compared to over 8 % in 2020). His students learned how to access the data, make it useful and provide a community service as part of the assignment.
- (10) Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next meeting is Oct. 12

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on Oct. 3, 2022.