

Grove City Community Library

Board Minutes

Feb. 12, 2026

- (1) Board Members attending: Carla Ligo, Dave Kershaw, Heather Leskanic, Antonia Thomas (quorum present)
Absent/Excused: Sarah Johnston, Vince DiStasi, Lydia Speice
Interim Director attending: Scott Amon
Visitors Attending: Kimberly Marks
- (2) Carla called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- (3) Minutes from the January meeting were accepted.
- (4) Bills Paid/To Be Paid: Scott noted a patron is paying half (\$275) the cost of the annual Swank movie license fee of \$550. GCCL is also reaping the benefits of the library data system change approved a year ago. The switch has reduced operation costs by 80 percent (from \$4,585 in 2025 to \$895 this year). Total for bills Feb. 13-March 12 listed at \$14,482.83. Dave motioned to approve with second from Heather L. Motion carried; none opposed.
- (5) Treasurer's Report: Scott shared financial information, including that we currently have \$186,464 in our bank account. Last year, that number was \$80,000. Library treasurer Sarah Johnston has a tentative budget, which will be coming up soon for approval. We are looking to build up our investments, which are at about \$30,000. Statement of Activity for January shows net income at \$36,582 and gross profit at \$51,547.05. Total for expenses, \$14,964.37, with payroll at \$11,171.37.
- (6) President's Report (from Carla):
 - Visitor Kimberly Marks, who attended the board's open house and expressed interest in serving on the board of directors, shared her background and ways she could help the library. She has lived in Grove City for the last 20 years and works as a librarian at Grove City College. Kimberly finished her doctorate of education last April, and provided information

about how the library could apply for free student interns. Board plans to vote to add Kimberly to board at the March 12 meeting.

- This month's open house saw low attendance. We can look at advanced advertising for next time, or try holding it at a different time of year, possibly fall ?
- The Soup-er soup and sandwich fundraiser is set for Feb. 13. We will offer 19 different homemade soups for sale, plus chicken salad croissant sandwiches and meatball hoagies, as well as other lunch items.
- Feb. 20 will be the Harry Potter Hogwarts Night event.

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

- Continuing to look into best way to approach possible replacement of library's AED unit. Ours is from 2017. May be able to locate an individual or agency to sponsor a replacement.
- Allied News highlighted Grove City and Mercer libraries for their food pantries.
- Sean, who serves as notary, will need to have his notary license renewed (cost of \$150 or less). The library charges \$5 per document. Sean has notarized 179 documents in 4 years. May look into signage to increase public awareness that we have this service available.
- Passport on a Plate – held Jan. 31 at the library – went over very well with a variety of countries featured and over 100 children and adults in attendance. Volunteers set up tables and provide food samples.
- United Way grant presentation is coming up this month. GCCL will be requesting \$6,600 total. That includes \$1,500 toward purchasing additional hotspot (portable Internet) units, which are very popular, and \$5,100 toward funding part of the children's program salary needs as well as materials for major programs.
- The library's Fandomfest event, held each May at the Masonic Lodge, may need to be canceled for this year or held at a different time due to competing event being held in Pittsburgh. Scott said many of the vendors that normally attend our event are already booked for other venue.

- Library to be closed to public Feb. 16 for President's Day and Feb. 20 (setup for Potter event).
- March 13 will be Beans on Broad fundraiser, benefitting GCCL.

(8) Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting is March 12

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on March 10, 2026.