

G.C. Community Library

Board Minutes

May 8, 2024

(1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Carla Ligo (via Zoom); FOL representatives Meghann Kelly, Ann Marie O'Rourke and Sue Miklos

Interim Director attending: Scott Amon

Employee Attending: Heather Baker

(2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

(3) Minutes from the April meeting were approved following motion from Stacy and second from Carla. Motion carried.

(4) Treasurer's Report: Expenses for the month of April totaled \$20,208.28. Income was \$3,187.46. Expenses included a \$4,560 bill for Evolve, the library's software system. Not anticipating any other major expenses until November. Scott noted the Evolve expense does count toward our collection expenses. Annual income from our participating twps should be coming this spring.

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

- New part-time student employee Murphy Kershaw has been hired at the starting rate of \$8.15 per hour and is expected to begin June 1. He will work at the library at least thru the summer. Murphy has been a volunteer over the past year. "We're happy to have him on board," Scott said.
- Grove City Boro is applying for a \$2 million grant that would include building upgrades for the library. Boro officials are doing all the legwork. We'll hear this fall if the grant is approved. Then, contract bidding would begin. The proposed work for the library would include having the HVAC, WiFi and Internet redone, computer equipment replacement, and new LED overhead lighting. The grant proposal features a 10 percent contingency fund totaling \$148,320; Scott said if the project moves forward and there is money left over then the library might be able to purchase a new stand-alone/drive-up book

drop (priced at \$5,000 to \$6,000) to replace the current one. This would provide a more efficient and safer option.

- Scott will attend district library meeting Friday via Zoom. Meeting is being held at South Butler library. He is unable to attend in person due to preparations involved with upcoming Fandomfest event. The library district is currently over budget by \$40,000. Options being considered to reduce deficit are canceling the Ancestry service or charging each library a fee. GCCL's charge would be \$316.
- Saturday hours will resume June 1 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Children's programming (from Heather Baker):

- Fandomfest event is Saturday, May 11, at GC Masonic Hall. Setup will be Friday night. Looking for the second annual to mainly be a fun event and bring in some money for the library. There will be comic vendors, food trucks, a cosplay contest and more. Admission is \$5 per person; kids 10 and under are free. Ethan Pisano will be helping out as Spiderman.
- Preparations being made for the summer reading program which will kick off June 3 at the library. Lots of special programming scheduled including a magic show on June 12 at GC Memorial Park, Jungle Terry on July 15 at GC Memorial Park, STEM events; Elephant & Piggie Party; Paws to Read with Mae the Therapy Dog; kids' afternoon Bingo; and Monday Movie Matinees. Diehl Automotive is sponsoring the summer reading program at \$500.
- Bake sale will be held in conjunction with SRP kickoff on June 3 at the library. Last year's bake sale brought in over \$3,000 and sold out the first day.
- Star Wars Trivia night being planned for Friday, May 31 at GC Masonic Hall. Proceeds will benefit GCCL. GC Nutrition donated a raffle basket for the event. It will be BYOB. Cost is \$15 per person.
- New metal benches and matching planters (featuring an evergreen and burgundy color scheme) are being ordered thru the Pine Ridge Designs business. Renick Contracting is donating one bench and Pine Ridge will donate the second along with 4 planters. Agway is expected to donate plants for the

planters. And a new flagpole with OPEN sign has also been ordered thanks to Erin.

Adult programming news/updates

- Seed to Supper, taught by Penn State Extension Master Gardeners, will continue on Tuesday evenings thru May. Wrap up and graduation scheduled for May 28. Participants have enjoyed learning about everything from soil to planning, planting and caring for their garden, to harvesting their bounty.
- Summer reading for adults begins June 3. Adults ages 18 and up are invited to pick up a reading log. Read to be entered into a drawing for some great gift card prizes. All completed logs must be returned by closing time on Friday, Aug. 30, to be eligible. Winners are to be drawn Sept. 2.

(6) Friends of the Library Report: The group's Bingo fundraiser on April 20 at GC Masonic Hall was a big success, providing a net profit of \$7,630.22. Meghann, the group's new president, said her top goals include rewriting bylaws, naming a fundraiser chairperson, providing community transparency and taking the fundraising responsibility off library staff as much as possible. The group's current balance is at \$9,843.65. Their next meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the library for anyone interested in attending and learning more about Friends of the Library. Sue, the group's treasurer, said they are planning to use funds to order bags for the Sept. 14 used book sale. They also have enough cards and other supplies to host another Bingo event in the future. The Primanti's fundraiser held April 25 went over very well and brought in \$642.63. Sponsors were Black Out Burger, Cashdollar & Associates, Dallas W. Hartman, Grove City Federal Credit Union, GC Masonic Hall, Primanti Bros., Ace Hardware, Auto Zone, Compadres, Dairy Queen, HLR Anderson Agency, Coffaro's Pizza, County Market, Donna Lee's Cuts, Curls, and Color, Eat N Park, Fox's Pizza Den, Grove City Agway and Pets, Grove City Ford, Hairtique & More, Here's Howe, Kim Hazen of Bershire Hathaway, Lisa Pritchard at Lisa and Yarn, Lori Boshaw at Ride the Wind Vacations, My Brother's Place, Nancy's Hair Loft,

Nextier Bank, Pizza Hut, Pizza Joe's, Shannon's Kandy Kitchen, Taco Bell, VFW Post 519, and Wendell August Forge.

(7) Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting is June 12.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on June 1, 2024.