

## G.C. Community Library

### Board Minutes

September 12, 2024

- (1) Board Members attending: Erin Pisano, Vince DiStasi, Stacy Bluedorn, Heather Leskanic, Carla Ligo, George Pokrant, Dave Kershaw, Meghann Rigney  
Interim Director attending: Scott Amon  
Employees Attending: Heather Baker, Sean Newton, Wendy Riggi (remote)
- (2) Erin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Carla offered a prayer in honor of board representative Liz Kingsley, who passed away following a courageous battle with cancer.
- (3) Minutes from the June meeting were approved following a motion from George and second from Dave. Motion carried.
- (4) Treasurer's Report: An extensive discussion was held with regards to concerns over the library's financial situation as contributions from individuals and businesses are down. Scott announced that Grove City Boro had just delivered its payment to cover the year in the amount of \$14,000 and Wolf Creek Twp made a \$2,250 payment. That would bring the library's account to \$30,551. It was noted that the boro has reduced its annual contribution to the library by \$2,000 (from \$16,000 to \$14,000). It costs \$220,042 a year to operate our library (\$18,336 per month). Scott said July was not a good month for the library, financially-speaking.
  - In August the Friends of the Library presented the library with a check for \$5,000. The group held a very successful Bingo event in April and is currently planning an adult prom/casino night fundraiser in Jan or Feb. and possibly another Bingo event. Erin said the library's finances were pretty consistent across the winter and spring months. Officials are still working to complete the 2022 audit. The audits are expensive (\$11,500 for a full audit) but are required in order to be eligible for state funding. GCCL's state funding amounts to about \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year.

(5) The board is planning to address the need to raise additional funds in a number of ways including:

- issuing the annual fundraising campaign letters as soon as possible with a new membership program for businesses. A business would be promoted/recognized at the library at a gold/silver/bronze level based on the amount of its contribution.
- Continuing with efforts already planned for library-sponsored fundraisers including the upcoming used book sale, gift basket raffle, soup and sandwich sale (Nov. 8), and a Christmas cookie crawl in early December.
- Closing the library on Saturdays
- Reaching out to the local United Way office.
- Contacting Grove City College in an effort to secure financial support.
- Contacting Grove City Foundation to secure grant.
- Checking into a possible change in the companies we are currently using for our copier machine and for insurance coverage in effort to reduce costs.

(6) New Business: Erin had previously made the board aware that she would be stepping down from her position on the board mainly due to family obligations. Members were also informed that treasurer Stacy would be leaving the board, also for family-related obligations. Erin proposed that Carla be named president; George seconded motion. Motion to appoint Carla board president carried unanimously. It was with regret that the board unanimously accepted the resignations of Erin and Stacy as officers of the board. They agreed to stay on as members until officials are able to decide on who will fill vacant board seats. Potential candidates will be invited to the October board meeting. Erin said she feels Carla will help provide a new perspective on the library's challenges. "You've done an amazing job and we thank you both," George told Erin and Stacy. Carla is currently working to update the library board's bylaws and wants to find out what is happening with the theft case involving Amy Gallagher, who is

alleged to have misappropriated library funds when she served as library director at GCCL.

(7) Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Leskanic, board secretary, on September 30, 2024.