

Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm by Zoom

I. Opening

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: (Trustees*)

> Online: Nancy Turkle*, Betsy Browning*, Cheli Mennella*, Mikaela Whitaker*

> At GML: Dagoberto Driggs*, Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Joe Slowinski

- b. Land acknowledgement
c. Team agreements

II. Approval of agenda

Betsy moved we approve the agenda as written. Mikaela seconded. Agenda approved.

III. Approval of meeting minutes

Minutes tabled until next meeting.

< Betty Johnson joined meeting online at 6:06 pm >

IV. Reports

- a. Director's report

Highlights: Kudos for another great summer reading program and Fix-It Day; there's been lots of work removing things from the basement and Clint Dodge helped free of charge; the electrical issues flagged by FRCOG are taken care of; Val and Dominique were both hired as Assistant Directors; the summer reading program logged more than a 1,000 books read; Betty's summer crafts were popular events; the feasibility study is officially underway; Dig Safe is coming to mark ground ahead of the soil pits being dug; work on the front door is upcoming; power-washing on hold due to insufficient water pressure and need for new hoses; strategic planning is ongoing; Chelsea met with Oscar; the survey is underway and could use more responses; the survey target is 300+ responses but need to think about closing survey soon to compile data for the strategic plan; Betty will post the survey on Colrain pages; state aid report; ARSL Conference in Springfield.

Betty moved we accept the Director's Report as presented. Betsy seconded. DR accepted.

- b. Treasurer's report

Tabled until next meeting.

- c. Cornerstone Committee report

Nothing new to report.

d. Governance Committee report

Introduced the idea of adding a public comment period to Trustee meetings and agreed to vote on it. Cheli made a motion that the Trustees add a public comment period at the end of regularly scheduled meetings with the following guidelines: each commenter has a two-minute limit; with a cap of ten minutes total per meeting; this time is for comments only; questions can be directed to the Trustees by email. Betty seconded. Motion approved.

V. Ongoing Business

a. Strategic planning

See Director's Report.

b. IMLS Award

Award of \$10,000 to spend; brainstorming on how to use the money.

c. Building & grounds

The catch valve and the output pipe from the sump pump were replaced.

VI. Public comments

Joe Slowinski comments: add last names to minutes, move public comment period to beginning of the meeting, believes library pushing political agenda and should not recommend books to patrons, objects to land acknowledgement.

VII. Adjourn

Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Betty seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, October 21, at 6pm, hybrid via Zoom and at the GML

Respectfully submitted by Cheli Mennella