Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/20/2025
Via Zoom

1. **Opening**
    a. Meeting called to order at 6:03pm
    Roll Call:
        i. Dago Lydgate-Driggs, Co-Chair
        ii. Cheli Mennella, Co-Chair
        iii. Mikaela Whitaker, Secretary
        iv. Betty Johnson, Treasurer (not present)
        v. Nancy Turkle, Member at Large
        vi. Hadley Looman, Member at Large
    In Attendance via Zoom: Dago Lydgate-Driggs, Cheli Mennella, Mikaela Whitaker, Nancy Turkle, Hadley Looman
    Regrets: Betty Johnson
    b. Land Acknowledgement
    c. Team Agreements

2. **Approval of Agenda**
    a. Motion to approve agenda as written by Hadley
    b. Motion seconded by Mikaela Whitaker.
    c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
    a. Motion to approve 6/9/25, 6/26/25, 8/11/25, 8/25/25, 9/2/25, 9/3/25, 9/8/25 with amendment to correct misspelling in 8/25/25 minutes by Nancy.
    b. Motion seconded by Hadley.
    c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

4. **Public Comments**
    None

5. **Reports**
    a. Director's Report
        i. Some highlights: Val has been enjoying the role so far and has many ideas about additional programming to add to the GML calendar. Jade will do snow removal this winter. Library received a donation in memorial of Bea Drew. There are ideas about how to rearrange some of the space to make the space more useful. See Director's report for more details.
        Motion to approve director's report by Cheli.
        Motion seconded by Nancy.

Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Treasurer's Report

None this month

c. Cornerstone Committee Report

None

d. Governance Committee Report

None

6. Ongoing Business

a. Tech in Library: tickets have been submitted to Northeast IT to get tech up and running for hybrid meetings, etc.

b. Strategic Planning: Meeting tomorrow on Zoom that Dago and Hadley will attend as the trustee representatives.

c. Fix-It Day: Likely meeting in January to debrief and regroup ahead of next year's event.

d. Buildings and Grounds: Jade will do snow removal at library on a volunteer basis, except for front sidewalk which will be done by the town.

7. New Business

a. ALA Grant due 12/12.

b. Emergency Planning: to be discussed more at future meeting with a lighter agenda.

c. Wage remediation: Library trustees need to clarify the wage to be backpaid to Val Finkel and Dominique while they were serving as interim library directors. i. Cheli moves that the interim library directors receive the library director pay that was budgeted for fiscal year 2026 for 28 hours per week for the time that they served as interim library directors (July 28, 2025 through September 8 2025).

ii. Mikaela seconds.

iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Adjourn

e. Motion to adjourn by Mikaela.

f. Motion seconded by Nancy.

g. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting scheduled for November 10th at 6pm by Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mikaela Whitaker