

Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Hybrid: In person at GML and online via Zoom

Date: 3/9/26

1. Opening

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Roll Call:

- i. Dago Lydgate-Driggs, Co-Chair
 - ii. Cheli Mennella, Co-Chair
 - iii. Mikaela Whitaker, Secretary
 - iv. Betty Johnson, Treasurer
 - v. Nancy Turkle, Member at Large
 - vi. Hadley Looman, Member at Large
- In Attendance in person: Hadley, Val, Mikaela, Chief Lannon
In Attendance online via Zoom: Nancy, Cheli, Betty, Dago
Regrets: none

- b. Land Acknowledgement
- c. Team Agreements

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to add agenda item about seed library to new business by Cheli.
- b. Motion to add agenda item—Fix it Day to New Business by Nancy by Nancy.
- c. Motion to approve agenda as amended to include two new agenda items by Nancy.
- d. Motion seconded by Betty.
- e. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve February minutes as written by Hadley.
- b. Motion seconded by Nancy.
- c. Approved by all except Betty, who abstained from voting since she wasn't present last month.

4. Chief Lannon

- a. Police Chief Lannon was present to discuss possible security cameras at GML. Brought information about proposed cameras to share with trustees and Val. Need to discuss where the money would come from to pay for this. Will follow up soon.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Reports

- a. Director's Report

Some highlights: Will have another sourdough workshop Monday, March 30 from 6 PM - 8 PM. Hannah Moushabeck will be doing a program at Colrain Central in May. Storytime has been very successful. Rokus are now available for checkout. Planning for Earth Day is well underway and Dominique will be the point person. Earth Day Celebration will be April 18th 11-1. Planning for William Apess Day and Candidate's Night is underway.

- i. Motion to accept the February Director's Report as submitted by Betty.
- ii. Motion seconded by Hadley.
- iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Treasurer's Report

Betty shared most recent updates.

- i. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and presented by Mikaela.
- ii. Motion seconded by Hadley.
- iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

c. Cornerstone Committee Report

- i. Covered in buildings and grounds section of Director's Report. See director's report for details.

d. Governance Committee Report

- i. Val would like to have another meeting soon. Will be scheduled soon.

2. Ongoing Business

- a. Strategic Planning, community forum review. Will have another meeting soon.
- b. FY 27 budget: Meeting with Diana on Wednesday and Finance Committee on Thursday.

3. New Business

- a. Library Director six-month check-in
 - i. Cheli moves to raise the library director's pay rate to the full amount that was budgeted for in fiscal year 2026. Seconded by Betty. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.
 - ii. Betty moves to approve the requested extension of BLT courses. Seconded by Cheli. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. Emergency management and response fund: Cheli will talk to Diana.
- c. Produce stand/ food pantry at GML: the library still has some gift cards to give out. To be discussed further.
- d. Seed library: Will be near the front entrance to the library. Open to anyone in the community. March 20th there will be a seed swap and seed library will be open.
- e. Fix it Day: Franklin Co. Solid Waste got a grant for a larger Fix It Day, and it's possible that there might be a larger Fix it day for multiple local towns. Nancy will keep us updated.

4. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Betty.

- b. Motion seconded by Nancy.
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting scheduled for April 6th at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43.

Respectfully submitted by Mikaela Whitaker.