

Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/17/25

In person at GML and online via Zoom

1. Opening

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

In Attendance in person (trustees*): Betsy Browning*, Mikaela Whitaker*,
Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Hadley Looman, Ellen Weeks, Mindy Connors, Paula Harrison

In Attendance via Zoom: Nancy Turtle*, Betty Johnson*, Chelli Mennella*

Regrets: Dago Driggs*

- b. Land Acknowledgement
- c. Team Agreements

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion by to approve agenda as written by Nancy Turtle
- b. Motion seconded by Betsy Browning
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Tabled approval of February meeting minutes until next month

4. Public Comments

none

5. New Business

- a. Town Treasurer, Paula Harrison updated BOT about accounts:

Library stabilization fund: \$177,683.87

Library donation acct GCB: \$15,092.02

Library donation CD GCG \$100,791.34

Paula will look for good investment options so that more money is being made on the funds we already have.

- b. Friends of the Library member, Ellen Weeks updated BOT about the Friends accounts:

Cash: \$20,977

CD1: \$27,341 (matures July 2025)

CD2: \$20,585 (matures April 2025)

Investment account funded by Hale Johnson bequest as of 3/1/25: \$49,718

6. Reports

- a. Director's Report

Added more than 1000 items to the collection this past year, reached 1500 people through programs, answered 3000 reference questions, and much more. Did “return on investment” calculator for library services with fourfold returns. Community input survey results will be shared more at the next trustees meeting.

Candidate’s night will be soon. Programs in person have had lower turnout recently. Upcoming history night.

Earth Day Program to come, being planned with Friends of Library.

Brief discussion of the impact of the executive order to defund IMLS on GML. Links were shared for further exploration. The change with IMLS does not immediately impact the GML budget.

- i. Motion to accept Annual Director’s Report as submitted by Chelsea Jordan-Makely by Betty Johnson.
- ii. Motion seconded by Nancy Turkle.
- iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Treasurer’s Report

One line item needs to be reconciled. Betty will work on it.

- i. Motion to accept February Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Betsy Browning.
- ii. Motion seconded by Nancy Turkle.
- iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

c. Cornerstone Committee Report

Site visit is tomorrow 3/18. The group doing the site visit will attend the April or May GML Trustees Meeting.

d. Governance Committee Report

Nothing to report.

7. Ongoing Business

- a. Strategic plan: upcoming meeting, nothing to report
- b. IMLS award: sign options. Chelsea shared 5 options for the sign. Chelsea took feedback and will be back in touch with Taylor and then with trustees via email. “Built 1908” suggested as a possible change to the wording.
- c. Budget meeting Tuesday 3/25 at 7:15 with finance committee and select board.

8. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Betty Johnson.
- b. Motion seconded by Mikaela Whitaker.
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mikaela Whitaker.