



Minutes of the Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting September 20, 2022

The Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on September 20, 2022. Present were: Library Director Valerie Acklin, Treasurer Michael Frank, Secretary Christian Rohrs, Christine Pesses, Sue Shrader, John Mazur, and Caren Pepper.

Mrs. Pesses called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Mrs. Pesses asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Mrs. Pesses asked for a motion to accept the August Meeting minutes. Mrs. Shrader made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Mrs. Pesses asked for a motion to accept the September 6, 2022 Special Meeting minutes. Mr. Mazur asked for a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Mr. Frank delivered his Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Pesses asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rohrs. The Board approved with "aye."

Mr. Frank delivered the Budget and Finance Report. After his report, the following motions were passed:

- "Motion to authorize Mike Frank and Greg Niforos to open an investment account with Morgan Stanley [amended: and/or treasury direct account] and invest up to and including \$500,000 from the Building Fund in allowable investment vehicles." Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. Mrs. Pesses asked if there was any other discussion. Mrs. Pesses noted that if this is something that we are not allowed to do, then we will not pursue it. Mr. Frank noted that he will confer with Phil Beckett, and that he has been discussing this with Groversville Enlarged School District Treasurer Cathy Meher. After discussion, the Board approved with a vote of "aye."
- Motion to authorize the Treasurer and VP of Finance to pay the National Grid bill upon receipt. Mrs. Shrader made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Mrs. Pesses asked if there was any report on behalf of the Foundation. Mr. Frank noted there was none.

Mrs. Pesses delivered the Friends of the Library Report on behalf of Mrs. Jean La Porta.

Mrs. Pesses noted that there was no President's Report.

Valerie Acklin
Library Director

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Richard Carlson

John Mazur

Greg Niforos

Caren Pepper

Christine Pesses

Charles Reed

Christian Rohrs

Susan Shrader

Ms. Acklin delivered the Building and Grounds Committee Report on behalf of Mr. Carlson. Among the topics discussed was the dome and the estimate for a skylight. Ms. Acklin surveyed present board members for approval to get a quote on the dome restoration and repair. Mrs. Pesses asked for the following motion to be passed:

- “Motion to authorize Vice President Merry Dunn-Brown to sign the Butler Rowland Mays Service Authorization dated September 7, 2022, in President Ren Reed’s absence.” Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Mrs. Pesses noted that there was no Local History Room Committee Report.

Ms. Acklin reported on the Outreach Committee on behalf of Ms. Dunn-Brown. She requests Board volunteerism for the Fall Fest and the Soroptimist Craft Fair.

Mrs. Shrader noted that the Personnel Committee Report will be added to the Director’s Report.

Mrs. Pesses noted that there was no Plan of Service Ad Hoc Committee Report.

Mrs. Pesses delivered the Policy Committee Report. The following policies were discussed as a first reading: Ethics, Tutoring, Personnel, Meeting Room, and Homebound. The following motions were made:

- “Accept the Personnel Policy as it had been written with no changes.” Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pepper. The Board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Ms. Pepper noted that there had not been a Program Committee meeting; however, she would like to meet soon with Ms. Acklin to discuss upcoming programs.

Mr. Mazur noted that the next Public Relations meeting will be October 4 at 11 AM. Future committee times will change to accommodate Mr. Rohrs’ work schedule.

Ms. Acklin delivered the Library Director’s Report. The next Books and Brews will be October 19 at Plaza Bistro.

Mrs. Pesses asked if there was any Old Business. Ms. Acklin noted that GPL still needs to acquire new lawyer.

Mrs. Pesses asked if there was any New Business. Mrs. Pesses asked for the following motion to be made:

- “Motion to reimburse President Ren Reed in the amount of \$55.00 for the County Clerk’s filing fee relating to 68 and 68 ½ E. Fulton St.” Mr. Rohrs made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The Board approved with “aye.”

At 7:42 PM, Ms. Acklin requested a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing staff promotions. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pesses. The Board approved with “aye.”

At 7:49, Mrs. Pesses requested a motion to leave Executive Session. Ms. Pepper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Upon leaving Executive Session, Ms. Acklin requested the following motion be made:

- "Motion to promote Lex Lanza to the position of Librarian I/Teen Librarian and Community Engagement Manager for 35 hours per week at an annual salary of \$38,000, effective October 1, 2022." Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Shrader. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

At 7:50 PM Mrs. Pesses made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Shrader seconded the motion. The Board approved with a vote of "aye."

Respectfully submitted,

Christian W. Rohrs, Secretary