**GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**October 9, 2023**

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm

**Type of meeting:** Regular Business

**Presiding Officer:** Ann Stanchina, President of GCPL Board

**Quorum:** Present

**Trustees Present:** Jean Payak, Jamie Baker, Melissa Wallace, and Doug Penix.

**Also Present:** Patrick Goodman, Director; Angie Gabbard, Assistant Director; Amy Coghill,   
 Library Accountant.

**Guests:** Jeannette Perreault, Lisa Steadman, Geneva Hoffman, Mark Christopher, Chuck Dills,   
 Peggy Whalen, Debby Lucas Angel

**Agenda approval and adoption:** Jamie Baker made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Doug Penix. Motion carried.

**Secretary’s** **Report:** A motion was made by Melissa Wallace to approve the minutes and was seconded by Jean Payak. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** A motion was made by Jamie Baker and seconded by Melissa Wallace to approve the September 2023 financial reports. Motion carried.

**Business**

**Visitor recognition-**

**Geneva Hoffman:** Provided her resignation letter and other documentation to the board for review. Shared concerns about other staff members leaving under Patrick Goodman’s leadership. Feels that GCPL is no longer doing a service for the community.

**Mark Christopher:** Asked why Grant County taxes are so high when not much going on at GCPL. Explained he is a published author and that he had heard the director would not allow his book at the library. Shared that he hears over-and-over again that the director doesn’t allow. Asked where the local Grant County historical papers are located and if they were available. Also shared that he wants the library to be what it used to be with reading time programming, more events, and programming with animals.  
**Lisa Steadman:** Shared that GCPL lost a valuable employee in Geneva Hoffman. She shared that she reviewed the Mission and Vision and stated the following: 1 We are going backward. 2. GCPL does not have a book mobile-we need to go to them. 3. The director was rude with discussing a quilting class. 4. I don’t see GCPL to be future focused. 5. The library needs to build up children from a young age.

**Jeannette Perreault**: Shared that she is a Grant County resident, former teacher, and a home schoolteacher. She stated that learning is a lifetime event, the library should be engaging through age 100, and there is magic and learning in all the books. She concluded with please don’t limit the library.

**Peggy Whalen**: Shared that seniors matter too. Programming for seniors is important for continuous learning.

**Patrick Goodman, GCPL Director** responded to some of the guest speakers with the following information: 1. Local authors books are purchased and circulated if he is aware of the published book. 2. Explained technology for preserving historical documents and the historical papers are in a climate-controlled room with acid-free storage boxes. 3. Shared about staff promotions based on demand. 4. Shared about upcoming reference desk changes for the community and that he sits at the desk 2 hours a day. 5. Shared research that shows that the public library makes the most impact to ages 0-5. 6. He referenced GCPL tote bags that are stuffed resources, information, and more for parents. 7. Shared that GCPL offers Library Express Program in Corinth and Crittenden. 8. There is a quilting and crochet class that meets once a month. 8. It is important to balance education and fun at the library.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Jamie Baker and seconded by Melissa Wallace to go into Executive Session at 8:12 pm according to KRS 61.810 for personnel related discussion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jean Payak and seconded by Jamie Baker to end the Executive Session at 8:44 pm according to KRS 61.810 for personnel related discussion. Motion carried.

**Regular Session:** A motion was made by Jean Payak and seconded by Melissa Wallace to reopen the Regular Session at 8:46 pm. Motion carried.

**Annual Audit Review:** Board president asked for and feedback our questions concerning the Annual Audit Review. There were no questions, and the feedback was all positive. A motion was made by Jamie Baker and seconded by Jean Payak to accept the Annual Audit. Motion carried.

**Policy Review:** A preview of the Emergency Reference Guide was shared and the full guide will be presented in November.

**Reports:**

1. Director’s Report – Patrick presented his monthly report and that he is leading the new director’s group for KDLA.
2. Regional Report – Board members received a copy of the monthly report.

**Correspondence:**

* Patron Records Request
* Patron Facebook Instant Message
* Patron Letter to the Director concerning KY Room and Genealogy.

**Board Member Comment:**

1. Jamie Baker reported that Martha West expressed appreciation for the GCPL children’s programming.
2. Ann Stanchina shared that the Bloody Breathitt event held at GCPL was good and well attended. She encourages boards members to talk up GCPL events.
3. Melissa collected email addresses when employed at GCPL library news and events. Angie Gabbard is aware of the list.
4. Melissa inquired about the bridge repair in the landscaping. Patrick shared it is on the list for Spring and will contact Grant County ATC to see if there is interest.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn by Doug Penix and seconded by Jamie Baker. Motion carried. Adjournment at 9:03 pm

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7 pm.

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