

Grand County libraries: linking people to boundless opportunities

GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, April 15, 2025
5:30 PM

Location: Granby Library or Zoom
Meeting ID: 863 4751 3182
Passcode: gMNz7j

MINUTES

Trustees: Jeremy Krones, Jen Goertz, Alan Walker, Darcy Schlichting, Laura Jones, Jennifer Tibbetts

Staff: Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Michelle Grant, Tallie Gray

Public: Elizabeth Bauer, Karen Taft, Martha Schake, Deric Duerst

- I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Jeremy Krones.
Erika Cohen excused absence.
- II. Amendments to the Agenda
Motion to allow the Foundation report to be given at the same time as the agenda discussion under Information Items.
Darcy Schlichting motion; Alan Walker 2nd
All approve
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Jen Goertz motion; Laura Jones 2nd
All approve
- IV. Consent Agenda:
 - A. March Regular Meeting Board Minutes
 - B. March 19 Special Meeting Board Minutes
 - C. March 26 Special Meeting Board Minutes
 - D. Correspondence - none
 - E. March Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet
 - F. February Bank Reconciliation
 - G. March Bank Reconciliation
Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Darcy Schlichting motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd
All approve
- V. Reports
 - A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
No report.
 - B. Grand County Library Foundation
See comments under Information Items.
 - C. Public Comment
Elizabeth Bauer, Superintendent for West Grand School District, attended to make a connection with Trustees and to share information about the school

district. Healthy schools – library system is appreciated by offering support and the ability to connect. There is a new director for the West Grand Early Childhood Center. She is looking forward to getting to know the community and discussing ways to support each other. Baurer looks forward to working with Emily Pedersen in Kremmling to participate in the Summer Library Program. Flyers were disseminated to share information.

VI. Information Items

A. Review by Executive Director of March GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics

Chris Newell gave a summary report on services, resources, and statistical trends. Tallie Gray will give a detailed report during her presentation later in the agenda. Hot Sulphur Springs Library's Extended Access initiative will be ready to roll out to five "test" patrons in the coming weeks. That location continues to see increased attendance at programs. The Pocket Talk translation device was used at Granby Library for Chinese. ReThinking Libraries supplied a summary of survey responses. We will have more data to provide after they complete their work.

B. Meeting Calendar

- a) May 12 - 4:30 p.m. - Town of Grand Lake - Walker and Degginger
- b) Regular BoT meeting summer schedule
 - i. May 20 at Fraser Valley Library
 - ii. June 17 at Juniper Library
 - iii. July 15 at Hot Sulphur Springs Library
 - iv. August 19 at Kremmling Library
- c) June 26 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - SDA regional workshop

C. Library Resources Update

Tallie Gray gave her annual presentation about library resources and services. Kaylene Loo, catalog associate, supports Tallie's work. Tallie serves on the Marmot board, which is the consortium we participate in. The software system, Sierra, will need to be replaced. This system is used to track and maintain all the resources managed within the consortium. Bots have been a problem attacking the system. Marmot is developing solutions. Funding concerns are being discussed as well, and Marmot is also in the process of developing a new strategic plan. Tallie serves on several committees for Marmot to develop best policies for resource sharing within the consortium. Tallie continues to collaborate with Public Health to develop a telehealth kit for public use. We received a grant to support the purchase of the tools needed for the kit. Digital Resources – John Marte provides one-on-one technology assistance and will be available to support those individuals who have visual impairments. Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection project – funding for staff to complete the work may be in question moving forward. Tallie is working with the Historical Association and Sky-Hi News to get newspapers digitized. CLiC's courier service is still viable, although costs may go up depending on State funding. CLiC reports being in good standing right now so we can make more resources available to patrons. Tallie is collaborating with two entities to support the Grand Business Series. She is a Lions Club member – shares library information with members. Tallie enjoys

providing support and assistance to the Friends of GCL and assists with community outreach events. She has been involved with the community interview process in support of GCLD's community needs assessment. Blues Society – we have a great volunteer who is finally on board to help with instruments and make repairs as needed. Gray provided an extensive report about circulation, shelving, and resources to ReThinking Libraries. She thanked Trustees for the funding for eBooks and Audiobooks, which are seeing huge increases in circulation.

D. Grand County Library Foundation

Darcy Schlichting reported. The author event was highly successful in March, with 30 attendees. This program is not hosted as a fundraiser but as a visible program for Grand County. There was discussion about the future of the Foundation since Sally Leclair has stepped down and it has been difficult to recruit new directors. Darcy, Sally, and Tara met to discuss the future of the Foundation. They are recommending that operations be turned back over to GCLD's Board of Trustees. Darcy is the only acting director, and she is on the Foundation as a GLCD Board of Trustees-appointed member. The number one purpose is to receive funds as a 501(c)(3) organization. Most funds received are through Colorado Gives in December. Memoriums are also received from individuals who pass away. There is currently no active fundraising. Our group met with the bookkeeper to discuss the recommended transition process. She is willing to continue and will provide quarterly reports to the Board. Financials for the end of March - Edward Jones \$172,000; about \$20,000 in savings at United Business Bank. It is recommended to terminate as a free-standing entity at this time and appoint current Trustee officers as leaders for the Foundation; however, this may change as we embark on the Kremmling Library project. Friends of GCL are not interested in merging. If approved via motion and vote, it was recommended that a Foundation meeting be held prior to the May Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion to appoint the current Board of Trustees, including officer appointments, as Board of Directors for the Grand County Library Foundation

Darcy Schlichting motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd

All approve

E. Kremmling Library Update

A progress report on the Kremmling Library land acquisition was given by Thompson. She was given directions by Trustees to reach out to a real estate agent on GCLD's behalf. Contact has been made with an agent in Kremmling, and there is nothing new to report. Trustees requested a more robust report be given in May.

F. Keeping Governance on Track

ALA webinar links were shared with Trustees, two of which already watched the videos. Content was chosen to address Board goals around training and education, specific to governance. It was recommended that Trustees create an account and watch independently prior to the May meeting. Krones asked all to watch the videos and direct questions and concerns to him by May 13. An Information Item will be added to the May meeting agenda as follow-up.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Alan Walker motion; Laura Jones 2nd

All approve