MINUTES

Trustees: Sally Leclair, Jeremy Krones, Darcy Schlichting, Mike Johnson, Alan Walker
Absent: Marcus Davis, Janet Thomas
Staff: Polly Gallagher, Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Michelle Grant
Public: Jeanette McQuade, Shelly Mathis, Michael Brack, Al Furlone

I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Sally Leclair excused the absences of Marcus Davis and Janet Thomas.

II. Amendments to the Agenda
Motion to add the Budget to Actual public link to the agenda.
Darcy Schlichting motion; Jeremy Krones 2nd
All approve

III. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Mike Johnson motion; Alan Walker 2nd
All approve

IV. Consent Agenda:
A. August Regular Meeting Board Minutes
B. Correspondence
C. August Bank Reconciliation
D. August Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet
   Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
   Jeremy Krones motion; Darcy Schlichting 2nd
   All approve

V. Reports
A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
   No report shared this evening. Annual Meeting will be held on October 22 at 10 a.m. at
   Granby Library in the Community Room. Trustees are welcome and encouraged to attend.
B. Grand County Library Foundation
   Darcy Schlichting reported. The Foundation met to discuss the Kent Gunnufson
   author/photographer event. They made a couple hundred dollars on this event.
C. Public Comment
   Open 5:40 p.m. Close 5:40 p.m.
   None at this time
VI. Information Items

A. Tour of Granby Library
Michelle Grant, branch manager at Granby Library, provided a tour and highlighted the work of the library to Trustees. She highlighted the need to expand the children’s section as kids and families are already spilling over to the Teen area. Outside tutoring, in-house test proctoring, and technology support were discussed as well. Michelle was asked about upcoming projects, and she mentioned new carpet as well as shifting the Young Adult section out of the children’s section toward the Adult section.

B. Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership
Mike Johnson has been working on this project with Michael Brack, Assistant Town Manager with the Town of Fraser, and Al Furlone, volunteer board member with the new Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership. Michael and Al joined us to share information about the upcoming ballot issue regarding the affordable housing crisis in Grand County. Rents and home prices have increased, and affordable housing is not available in our county. Mike Johnson provided an explanation of Ballot Issue 6A which delineates a partnership with the towns of Winter Park, Fraser, and Granby and Grand County. Representatives from these entities have created the Fraser River Valley Housing Partnership to address issues in the county. The Partnership determined that a 2-mil property tax increase would be the best way to address the housing issues in our county. Board of Trustees and GCLD staff members asked questions, and there was discussion about this topic.

C. Review by Executive Director of August GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics
Gallagher summarized and highlighted GCLD district-wide facilities projects, 2023 budget progress, work being done with technology and cybersecurity, acquisitions made in the library resources department, programs and events happening in the branches, and statistics for the month of August. Significant highlights include the fact that GCLD will be fully staffed, effective October 1, something we are all celebrating. Child abuse prevention work, conversations regarding reconsideration of materials/programs, and homelessness training discussions were among the items addressed during All Staff Training in August.

In looking at stats, we are now surpassing pre-pandemic levels of use of our libraries as well as checkouts of materials. Finally, we continue to see an increased demand for digital resources and have seen a substantial growth in the use of hoopla.

D. Meeting Calendar
   a) Committees: Finance, Policy, Strategic Plan
   b) Next Board of Trustees Meeting is Tuesday, October 11, Granby Library

E. Executive Director Evaluation
Sally Leclair and Janet Thomas met and went through the previous executive director evaluation instrument and found it to be cumbersome. There was a gap in finding valuable information. They have reviewed three new tools as possibilities to provide feedback. Gallagher also provided input regarding the tool. The new one is pared down and will be more informative for Polly, giving valuable feedback which is more in line with what she does. There was discussion regarding who should be involved in the evaluation process. Trustees will be receiving the instrument soon, and it will also go to the Friends and Foundation boards. Trustees were instructed to complete the evaluation by October 11.

F. Reappointment Committee
Jeremy Krones and Alan Walker met to discuss reappointment of Janet Thomas to the
Board of Trustees. It was recommended that she be reappointed. There was no additional discussion.

Motion to move to action the reappointment of Janet Thomas to the Grand County Library District’s Board of Trustees.

Jeremy Krones motion; Alan Walker 2nd
All approve

G. Voter Registration Drive

Gallagher gave a report of the role of public libraries during voter registration drives. The goal is to host events in Granby and Kremmling with the assistance of the community leader group. We are looking to have an engaged citizenry. The idea is to hold these events as long as there are multiple locations covered in our community. Events will be scheduled for October. GCLD and GCRHN Community Leaders Group will market and advertise for the event. Libraries are nonpartisan but not indifferent. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of hosting this type of event at the library.

H. Park Bench at Granby Library

The Granby Rotary collects non-recyclable plastics in the Granby Library. Plastics are recycled into Trex material for the purpose of building benches, and the nonprofits receive a free park bench with every 500 pounds of material received. They have an additional bench available and would like to donate it to Granby Library. Because it is furniture, we need board approval to accept this donation.

Motion to move to action to accept the donation of a Trex bench under Donations Policy, 3.13.b.

Mike Johnson motion; Alan Walker 2nd
All approve

I. Library Trend: Request for Reconsideration

Gallagher provided a summary of the procedure that is in place through our Policy Manual in regard to reconsideration of library materials – patron is required to complete the Citizen Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials for any objectionable items that could also include library programs or community board items. Currently, completed forms go to the executive director who responds in writing to the party making the request. If the individual is not satisfied with the response, the request for reconsideration goes to the Board of Trustees. Gallagher shared an article regarding things happening around the country with these requests. Our collection is community based and heavily browsed. Gallagher posed three questions to Trustees for consideration as well as privacy of the person’s information found on the reconsideration form. There was discussion by Trustees.

VII. Action Items

A. Janet Thomas’s recommendation for reappointment

Motion to approve the recommendation to the BOCC for the reappointment of Janet Thomas to the Grand County Library District Board of Trustees.

Jeremy Krones motion; Alan Walker 2nd
All approve

B. Trex Bench donation

Motion to accept the donation under Donations Policy, 3.13.b of a Trex park bench from Granby Rotary to be used at Granby Library.

Darcy Schlichting motion; Mike Johnson 2nd
All approve

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Jeremy Krones motion; Alan Walker 2nd
All approve