
Graham Public Library Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes –June 11, 2025

Vice President Kerznar called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Board members present: Kris Bernstein, Gretchen Hansen, Gayle Kerznar, Rachel Loppnow, Steve Peterson, and Jan Winget. Absent: Glen Miller. Also present: Sara Swanson, Library Director

Comments by Citizens Present None

The minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Bernstein, seconded by Winget. Carried.

The May Income and Operating Report and Balance Sheet were presented and reviewed. Winget moved to approve the financials, seconded by Loppnow. Carried.

The vouchers for June were presented and reviewed. Hansen moved to approve the vouchers, seconded by Winget. Carried.

New Business—Election of Officers

Hansen nominated Loppnow to be Board President. All in favor. Carried. Winget moved that Kerznar continue as Vice President and Bernstein continue as Treasurer. All in favor. Carried.

Village of Union Grove Board Representative Report Update on splash pad.

Library Director Report

Summer Reading Program

~Our youth Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 9th with a party from 2:00-6:00pm. This year we are trying a bingo board instead of last year's maze. Once 5 activities on the board are completed, the participant earns a prize (a book or a small toy). All ages from birth to 18 may participate. SRP runs until August 2. Our theme is Color Our World, which focuses on art and creativity.

~We have 38 programs planned for youth and 14 programs planned for adults from June to August. We will have 6 big events—circus, dancing, animals (2 events), science, and magic—held in the UG Elementary gym this summer. We are looking forward to this new venue since we won't have to worry about the weather.

~We sent letters to 15 local businesses for a donation request for SRP. We received monetary donations from Grove Insurance, S&F Finishing, and H&R Block. We received Reader of the Week coupons from Pine Acres, a gift card from Napoli's, and a large box of a variety of toys, books, and games from Kurk Inc. We truly appreciate our generous sponsors.

Outreach

~On June 3, over 40 5th grade students from Raymond School visited us for a field trip. Sara G gave them a tour and told them about summer reading. They also checked out a lot of books.

Marketing

~I'm pleased to say that our first email newsletter—The Graham Quacker-- was sent on June 3. This has been on my to-do list for some time, and we finally accomplished it! It will be a monthly newsletter highlighting our events and services. All patrons whose account has a home library of Graham, and who have an email address, will receive the email; this amounts to 1,921 patrons. At the time of this writing, 693 (36%) recipients opened the email, which according to our system marketing person is very good (an average open rate is 15-20%).

Upcoming Programs:

Story Time—Wednesdays at 10am

June 11, 18, & 25 and July 9 at 3:30pm—Teen Art Workshop

June 12 at 10am—Board Games

June 12, 19, & 26 at 3:30pm—Kids Art Workshop

June 16 at 10am—Movie: *Elemental*

June 16 & 23 and July 7 at 2-6pm—Drop-In Legos and games

June 17 at 10am—Bollywood Groove (at UGES)

June 19 at 2pm—Beekeeping

June 23 at 6pm—Pajama Storytime

June 24 at 10am—Animal Quest (at UGES)

June 25 at 10am—Medicare Education

June 26 at 1pm—Book Club: *On Animals*

June 26 at 5pm—North Shore Bank Teen Finances Workshop

July 7 at 10am—Movie: *If*

July 8 at 10am—Snake Discovery (at UGES)

July 9 at 10:30am—UW Parkside Educational Opportunities

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the Graham Public Library Board will be Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 5:00 pm, at the Library.