

Grand Valley Public Library Board
Minutes: Wednesday October 9, 2024

Present:

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair
Amy Steele
Mary Hatch
Brennan Solecky
Andrew Stirk, Chair, Township of Amaranth Rep.
James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep.
Lenora Banfield, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.
Joanne Stevenson, CEO, secretary/treasurer

Regrets:

1. **Call to Order.** 7:00pm

2. **Acknowledgement Statement**

We [I] would like to acknowledge that we are on the the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) people of Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. This territory is the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg (**On ish KNOB eck**), and Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) Peoples.

3. **Approval of the agenda**

MOTION #1: Moved by L. Banfield seconded by J. Van Alstine , that the agenda be approved as amended.

4. **Declaration of any conflicts of interest.**

None.

5. **Minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting.**

MOTION #2: Moved by A. Steele seconded by B. Solecky, that the minutes of September 11, 2024 be approved.

6. **Staff Recognition**

Mandy Park – 5 years

Patricia Hamilton – 15 years

Presentation by A. Stirk, Library Board Chair. Patricia Hamilton & Mandy Park thanked the board for recognizing their years of service.

7. Business arising from the minutes.

7.1 Silent Auction: Set up October 8, will continue until November 23.

7.2 Township of Amaranth, RE: Board of Management Review – A response letter has been sent to the Township of Amaranth.

7.3 Building Committee Report: The Town of Grand Valley has received the GVPL functional program and cover letter. The Town of Grand Valley council requested that building committee present and answer questions at a council meeting. The committee will be able to attend the proposed date of December 10th.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Donation, Amy Steele, \$200.00

MOTION #3: Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by L. Banfield to receive the correspondence.

9. Financial Report

Operating Account

9.1 Operating Expenses for September.

9.2 Operating Expenses 3rd Quarter

MOTION #4: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by A. Steele to accept the reviewed expenses for September (\$36,769.17).

MOTION #5: Moved by L. Banfield, seconded by B. Solecky to accept the reviewed 3rd Quarter financial report.

Reserve Account

9.3 Reserve Account

MOTION #6: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by H. Hatch to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account.

10. Committee Reports

11. Chair Report

12. CEO Report

Fall Programs:

Children's: Baby & Toddler Time (ages 0-36 months), After School Story time (ages 3-5), Cocoa Club (ages 6-10), Tween Scene (11+), Home Alone (age 10+), Let's Get Cooking(2 sessions, Grade 5-8), Annual Gingerbread Houses (take home), Cards for Seniors (teen volunteer hours)

Adult: Coffee, Conversation & Books, Vivid Autumn colours of Ontario with David Chapman, Coffee/Tea & Connection, 2 Reading Connection Book Club, Book Lovers Club, Basket Weaving, Festive Holiday Urns, Charcuterie Boards, 4 cooking sessions with Chef Jex Paisley.

- Tween Video Dance was a huge success with approximately 100 kids in attendance. They all left exhausted after dancing 2 hours straight. We will hold it again next year.
- CEO attended a meeting with MPP Sylvia Jones, with the other libraries in the Riding to promote the FOPL ask of support for provincial wide databases for learning.
- Attended CEO network meeting in Flesherton. Caledon Dufferin Board Network Learn and Connect Meeting. Thursday, October 3rd, will include 5 libraries.
- Public Access Computer has been replaced.
- Accreditation process is in the final stages, virtual video call is set for November 7th
- OLS Virtual Conference – October 23, 24. Library Board Training is on October 24 from 6-8.
- Interlibrary Loan new system will be in place November 12. Training has started for CEO and staff on the new system.

13. New Business

13.1 Procurement Policy, deferred to November. CEO is to receive a copy of the Town of Grand Valley's procurement policy.

13.2 Programming Policy and Plan

MOTION #7: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by A. Steele to accept the reviewed Programming Policy and Plan

13.3 CEO Performance review. The review committee will be A. Steele and A. Stirk.

13.4 Library Board Photo, deferred to November.

14. Next Meeting

Wednesday November 13, 2024 7:00pm McGinnis Room

15. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #8: Moved by J. Jonker to adjourn at 7:55 pm. CARRIED