

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes: Wednesday March 12, 2025

Present:

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair
Amy Steele
Mary Hatch
Andrew Stirk, Chair, Township of Amaranth Rep.
Joanne Stevenson, CEO, secretary/treasurer

Regrets:

Brennan Solecky
James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep.
Lenora Banfield, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.

1. Call to Order. 7:03pm

2. Land 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 A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine, that the agenda be approved.

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch, that the minutes of February 12, 2025 be approved.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

6.1 Prevention of Workplace Violence

MOTION #3: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch, that the revised Prevention of Workplace Violence Policy be approved.

7. Correspondence

7.1 OLS Training Bulletin, email February 19, 2025

7.2 40th Tornado Anniversary, email March 10, 2025

MOTION #4: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by A. Steele to receive the correspondence.

J. Van Alstine will be representing the Library for the Town's 40th Tornado Anniversary event.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for February 2025

MOTION #5: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch to accept the reviewed expenses for February 2025 (\$39,562.84).

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

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

8.3 GIC Renewal – March & April

MOTION #7: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by J. Van Alstine to direct the CEO to renew the GIC in March for \$55,000 and the April GIC principle and interest to a 6 Month non-renewable GIC.

9. Committee Reports

10. Chair Report

A. Stirk will contact ONE Investments for a meeting to discuss investment opportunities.

11. CEO Report

- Submitted events/programs for the "Explore Dufferin Guide"
- Completed the Charitable Return for 2024
- Requested permission from the Town of Grand Valley to make necessary changes to the building before applying for the Ebsco Solar Grant. Council has given approval.

- A letter was requested by the Town of Grand Valley Council on the needs of the library's use of the Community Centre. CEO completed a waiver requesting the use of the arena for the 2025 programs.
- Staff Training Session on April 22 by Alzheimer's Society.

Programs

March Break – Craig the Juggler – attendance 84

Birds of Prey – attendance 113

Lego Club – 18, waiting list

Clean the Cupboard craft program – 15, waiting list

Fireside Munsch – Thursday

Musical Munchkins – Friday

Children's Programs: Baby & ToddlerTime, Cocoa Club, Tween Scene, Home Alone Program, Let's Get cooking

Adult Programs: Book Club, Workshops: Jammin' with Rebecca, Spring Floral workshop with Tanya, 4 part cooking series with Jex, Coffee/Tea and Connections, Coffee Tea and Books

12. New Business

12.1 Gift Acceptance Policy

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the reviewed Gift Acceptance Policy.

Closed Session:

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch, be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board proceed in closed session in order to address a matter pertaining to:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board Members of Library Personnel at approximately 7:40pm.

MOTION #10: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board rise and report at 8:10pm.

CEO is to carry out instructions as directed by the Library Board.

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday May 14, 2025 7:00pm McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #11: Moved by A. Steele to adjourn at 8:12pm. CARRIED