

## Grand Valley Public Library Board Meeting

### Present:

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

### Regrets:

Dave Halls, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.

1. **Call to order** 7:00 p.m.
2. **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 J. Van Alstine, seconded by B. Solecky, that the agenda be approved.
4. **No declaration of any conflicts of interest at this time.** None
5. **Minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting.**  
**MOTION #2:** Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch, that the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting.
6. **Business arising from the minutes.**  
First Book Canada/TD Bank Group, the library received \$500 gift certificate to purchase books to give away to children in Kindergarten – Grade 8. Seventy-eight (78) were purchased and the books will be given away at the Duck Race Day.

Reviewed the decision for senior programming in the community. No more programming will be added to this year. The Library Board will take the community's request for more senior programming in consideration when planning the budget for 2024.

## 7. Correspondence.

7.1 FOPL, - email, update & registration link for AGM

7.2 OLS – email, in-person library board training opportunities

7.3 OLS – email, board assembly meeting dates

B. Solecky will be attending the FOPL AGM on April 21, 2023 and the OLS Board Assembly meeting on April 18, 2023.

**MOTION #3:** Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by A. Steele, that the correspondence be received.

## 8. Financial Report.

### Operating.

8.1 **MOTION #4:** Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by A. Steele, to accept the reviewed operating expenses for March. (\$37,882.64)

8.2 **MOTION #5:** Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by A. Steele, to accept the reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly expense.

### 8.3 Reserve Fund Account

1-year cashable GIC purchased for \$45,000 with an interest rate of 3.25%.

**MOTION #6:** Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by B. Solecky, to receive the financial statement for the Reserve Fund Account for March.

## 9. Committee Reports.

### 9.1 Finance.

### 9.2 Personnel, Administration and By-laws.

**MOTION #7:** Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by A. Steel to approve the following revised policies.

- Discrimination and Harassment Policy
- Prevention of Workplace Violence Policy
- Working Alone Policy
- Occupational Health and Safety

**MOTION #8:** Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by M. Hatch to approve the revised Board Governance Policy.

2023 policy schedule, dates for policy review have been changed.

B. Solecky and A. Stirk to review the Personnel Policy and recommendations for change made by the CEO for the board approval.

### **9.3 Advocacy.**

Book Sale – Tuesday, May 23 – Saturday, May 27. J. Van Alstine, M. Hatch and J. Stevenson to set up at 10:00am. on Friday, May 19.

Board Assembly Representative – B. Solecky will be the Board Assembly Rep and will attend the meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Duck Day Race – Saturday, May 27, CEO to set up a mat with some sensory toys for the younger children. CEO will give the First Book Canada Books to children that are in Kindergarten to Grade 8, to meet the criteria of the gift certificate. A draw will be available for those you do not receive a free book.

### **9.4 Strategic Planning.**

### **9.5 Information Technology/Communications.**

## **10. Chair Report.**

## **11. CEO Report.**

The library board receive statistics for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. March Break Programs were well attended: Craig Douglas Juggler 92+ people, Dufflebag Theatre 90+, Hands on Exotic 264+, Lego afternoon 32 and the Friday Free Skate 60+. With the high attendance to the programs this year, the staff will be implementing changes for next year.

New database: CBC Corner, free database with Canadian content.

CEO sent a letter to the Town of Grand Valley supporting residents' initiatives of "Little Lending Libraries" within the community.

S. McTaggart attended 3 day in-person website training from eSolutions.

CEO attending webinar, Activating Indigenous collections and the OLS informal CEO chat.

Book deletion has been completed for the book sale.

Special programs: Easter egg hunt in the library and next month Mother's Day Tea

## **12. New business.**

Annual Institute as a Place – OLA event, Wed. July 5 – Thurs. July 6, Hamilton, ON  
B. Solecky and A. Stirk will check to see their availability to attend.

Little Branches Rural Roots Library Conference, Thurs. May 4 -Sat. May 6, Arnprior, ON  
J. Stevenson and S. McTaggart to attend.

**13. Next meeting.** Wednesday May 10, 2023. 7:00 p.m. McGinnis Room.

**14. Motion to adjourn.** 8:10 p.m. J. Van Alstine.