

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes Wednesday December 14, 2022

PRESENT

Chair: Carol Hall

Vice Chair: Julie Van Alstine

Board Member: Rahmatu Etti-Balogun

Town of Grand Valley Rep.: James Jonker

Amaranth Rep.: Andrew Stirk

CEO: Joanne Stevenson

Guest: Amy Steele

REGRETS

East Garafraxa Rep.: Dave Halls

Board Member: Shane di Benedetto

1. **Call to order:** 7:11 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 J. Jonker, that the agenda be approved
4. **Declaration of any conflicts of interest at this time.** None
5. **Minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting.**
MOTION #2: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, that the minutes of the November 2022 meeting, be approved.
6. **Business arising from the minutes.**
7. **Correspondence.**
None
8. **Financial Report.**
8.1 **Operating.**
MOTION #3: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, to accept the reviewed operating expenses for November (\$24,407.24)

8.2 Capital

MOTION #4: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, to accept the reviewed operating expenses for November (\$3,325.00)

MOTION #5: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, to accept the amended Capital Financial Statement.

9. Committee Reports.

9.1 Finance

Draft Budget for 2023 will be reviewed in January.

9.2 Personnel, Administration and By-laws.

Municipal contract agreements for the Township of Amaranth and the Township of East Garafraxa signed by C. Hall, Chair for the new term of council and will be forwarded to the Townships for signatures.

9.3 Advocacy.

Book Sale: November 14-19, raised \$677.96.

Library Board Members 2023-2026 – Andrew Stirk, Amaranth Rep.; Dave Halls, East Garafraxa Rep.; James Jonker, Grand Valley Rep.; Julie Van Alstine & Amy Steele, community members. 2 positions unfilled at this time.

9.4 Strategic Planning.

Strategic Plan Report Card reviewed and amended.

9.5 Information Technology/Communications.

10. Chair Report.

11. CEO Report.

- Programs are ongoing with no programs next Friday, December 23. Offering a new after school program “Creative writing with Jim Shaw”.
- There will be 6 Children’s programs during the Christmas Holidays
- Gingerbread Houses were distributed to 60 families.
- The library is selling the International Plowing Match Cookbooks
- Canada Summer Jobs Grant has been applied for, 13 weeks for 30 hours per week.
- CEO has been researching C-pens to help children with reading disabilities.
- CEO had been researching Radon Monitors for a library lending program in the Fall of 2023. Cost of Radon Monitors are \$90 for the first and others at \$126. CEO is looking into programs to fund the purchase of the monitors. CEO has contact WDG health unit, they do not have funding available but do have resources for information. The Regulatory Operations and Enforcement Branch of Health Canada may have funding available to purchase Radon Monitors but will not know until the end of March, beginning of April 2023. CEO has applied for “100 Radon Test Kit Challenge” for Fall 2023 through the Take Action on Radon website.

12. New Business

Recruit for the 2 unfulfilled positions on the new Library Board.

13. **Next meeting.** Wednesday January 11, 2022. 7:15 p.m. McGinnis Room
14. **Motion to adjourn.** 8:25 p.m. J. Van Alstine.