

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes: Wednesday January 8, 2025

Present:

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair
Amy Steele
Mary Hatch
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:

Brennan Solecky

1. Call to Order. CEO 6:55pm

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 J. Jonker, seconded by L. Banfield, that the agenda be approved.

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by J. Van Alstine seconded by A. Steele, that the minutes of December 11, 2024 be approved.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

7. Call for nominations for Chair

A. Stirk was nominated for Chair.

8. Accept a motion that nominations be closed.

MOTION #3: Moved by J. Jonker seconded by A. Steele, that the nominations be closed. A. Stirk accepted the nomination and agreed to stand as Chair for 2025.

Meeting over to Chair

9. Call for nominations for Vice-Chair.

J. Van Alstine was nominated for Vice-Chair.

10. Accept a motion that nominations be closed.

MOTION #4: Moved by A. Steele seconded by M. Hatch, that the nominations be closed. J. Van Alstine accepted the nomination and agreed to stand as Vice-Chair for 2025.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Accreditation Report

MOTION #5: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by L. Banfield to receive the correspondence

Financial Report

Operating Account

11.2 Operating Expenses for December 2024. (\$49,238.34)

MOTION #6: Moved by J. Jonker, seconded by A. Steele to accept the reviewed expenses for December (\$49,238.34).

11.3 Motion to receive the reviewed 2024 financial report.

MOTION #7: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the reviewed financial report for 2024.

Reserve Account

11.4 Reserve Account

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Steele seconded by L. Banfield to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account for 2025.

Budget

11.5 2025 Grand Valley Public Library Budget

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch to accept the 2025 Library Budget of \$469,962.13. The CEO is directed to allocate from the 2024 surplus of \$20,370.67: \$10,000 to the 2025 Budget and \$10,370.67 to the reserve account.

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CEO is to confirm dates for presentation to the Town of Grand Valley. CEO will send the approved 2025 budget to the Township of East Garafraxa and Township of Amaranth and attend a council meeting to present the budget if requested.

12. Committee Reports

Advocacy - Super conference 2025- registration – Saturday, February 1, 2025 Trustee Boot Camp.

13. Chair Report

A. Stirk thanked the board for their support for the 2025 Chair position.

14. CEO Report

Winter 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+), Let's Get Cooking(2 sessions, Grade 5-8)

Adult: Coffee/Tea & Connection, 2 Reading Connection Book Club, Book Lovers Club

- HST Reimbursement for July-December 2024 has been submitted.
- Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT) – CEO 2025 project
- CEO will be having a meeting with E. Holl, Senior Associate with Pesce & Associates regarding Pay Equity and Market Value Comparison.
- Statistics for 2024

15. New Business

Policies for review.

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

Policies deferred until February Library Board Meeting.

16. Next Meeting

Wednesday February 12, 2025 7:00pm McGinnis Room

17. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #10: Moved by J. Jonker to adjourn at 8:15pm. CARRIED