

GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday January 12, 2022

PRESENT: Board Members Carol Hall, Chair
Julie van Alstine, Vice Chair
Rahmatu Etti-Balogun
Town of Grand Valley rep.: Philip Rentsch
East Garafraxa rep.: Fran Pinkney
Amaranth rep.: Steve Niedzwiecki
CEO Joanne Stevenson

REGRETS: Board member: Shane di Benedetto

1. **Call to order** 7:15 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 F. Pinkney, seconded by J. Van Alstine, that the agenda be approved.
4. **No declaration of any conflicts of interest at this time.**
5. **Minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting.**
MOTION #2: Moved by R. Etti-Balogun, seconded by J. Van Alstine, that the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting, be approved.
6. **Business arising from the minutes.**
Hydro One: Energizing Life Community Fund Application has been submitted, announcements of successful applications will be end of February, beginning of March.
7. **Call for nominations for Chair.**
MOTION #3: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by F. Pinkney that C. Hall be nominated as chair.
8. **Accept a motion that nominations be closed.**
C. Hall stated she would accept the nomination for the position of Chair.
MOTION #4: Moved by R. Etti-Balogun, seconded by S. Niedzwiecki that the nominations be closed.
9. **Meeting over to Chair.**

10. **Call for nominations for Vice-Chair.**

MOTION #5: Moved by F. Pinkney, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun that J. Van Alstine be nominated as Vice-Chair.

11. **Accept a motion that nominations be closed.**

J. Van Alstine stated she would accept the nomination for the position of Vice-chair.

MOTION #6: Moved by F. Pinkney, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun that the nominations be closed

12. **Setting of the Committees.**

MOTION #7: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by S. Niedzwiecki that the committees remain the same as the previous year.

Personnel, Administration and By-Laws

Julie Van Alstine, Carol Hall, Fran Pinkney, Philip Rentsch, and Joanne Stevenson.

Advocacy

Julie Van Alstine, Carol Hall, Shane di Benedetto, Rahmatu Etti-Balogun, and Joanne Stevenson.

Information Technology/Communications

Carol Hall, Philip Rentsch, Rahmatu Etti-Balogun, S. Niedzwiecki, and Joanne Stevenson.

13. **Correspondence.**

13.1 Donation from Karen Milburn and family in memory of Roy Naismith. \$100.00

13.2 Dufferin Community Grant was successful. \$1,000 for program Tea/Coffee & Conversation

13.3 Email: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training invitation to the Board for Tuesday, February 22 @ 2:30pm virtual, from M. Townsend. J. Stevenson will attend.

13.4 Email: Procurement Training invitation to the Board, Presentation Jan 25, 2022 and Procurement Training, March 10 & 11, 2022. J. Van Alstine and R. Etti-Balogun will confirm at a later date for the March Training. J. Stevenson will attend presentation and training.

MOTION #8: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by F. Pinkney that the correspondence be received.

14. **Financial Report.**

14.1 **Operating.**

MOTION #9: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, to accept the reviewed operating expenses for December (\$33,878.03)

14.2

MOTION #10: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by S. Niedzwiecki, to receive the 2021 financial report.

14.2 **Capital**

MOTION #11: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by F. Pinkney, to receive the 2021 financial statement for the Capital Account.

15. **Committee Reports.**

15.1 **Finance.**

MOTION #12: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, that the Grand Valley Public Library Board approve the 2022 Library Operating Budget Budget presentation to Council, Tuesday, January 25, 2022

15.2 **Personnel, Administration and By-laws.**

MOTION #13: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun the following policies be approved: Human Rights – Discrimination and Harassment Policy
Prevention of Workplace Violence Policy
Working Alone Policy
Occupational Health and Safety

15.3 **Advocacy.**

Super Conference 2022 – Virtual February 1-5, 2022 Library Board Member. OLBA library board members can register free of charge with a special OLBA Bursary offer for libraries serving populations of less than 15000. C.E.O. will register and send information links to F. Pinkney and R. Etti-Balogun.

15.4 **Strategic Planning.**

Strategic Plan Agenda, meeting to be held following board meeting.

15.5 **Information Technology/Communications.**

IT Support – Frey Communications has sold their IT business to Helms MSP from Kitchener. CEO is to attend a meeting with M. Townsend, Helms MSP and Frey Communications to make an informed decision if this is the direction the library should take.

16. **Chair Report.**

C. Hall welcomed everyone back from the holidays. She also stated that this will be the last year as Chair for the library board.

17. **CEO Report.**

The library is presently still open, but all programs have gone to curbside kits/virtual

Statistics – handout/document in dropbox

Canada Summer Jobs Application has been submitted.

11. **New business.**

12. **Next meeting.** Wednesday February 9, 2022. 7:15 p.m. McGinnis Room.

13. **Motion to adjourn.** 7:55 p.m. J. Van Alstine.