

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes Wednesday January 11, 2023

PRESENT:

Andrew Stirk, Chair, Township of Amaranth Rep.

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair

Amy Steele

Brennan Solecky

Mary Hatch

James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep.

Dave Halls, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.

Joanne Stevenson, CEO, secretary/treasurer

1. **Call to order** 7:10 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 A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine, that the agenda be approved as amended

4. **No declaration of any conflicts of interest at this time.**

5. **Minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting.**

MOTION #2: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine, that the minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting, be approved.

6. **Business arising from the minutes.**

7. **Presentation by CEO**

Board Orientation Presentation

8. **Introduction by Board Members**

Each member of the Board introduced themselves.

9. **Call for nominations for Chair.**

Andrew Stirk put his name forward for chair, no other nominations were received.

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

MOTION #3: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch that the nominations be closed.

11. Meeting over to Chair.

12. Call for nominations for Vice-Chair.

J. Van Alstine, agreed to stand as Vice-Chair.

13. Accept a motion that nominations be closed.

MOTION #4: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by D. Halls that the nominations be closed

14. Setting of the Committees.

Setting of the committees have been deferred. CEO is to consult with Ontario Library Service about standing committees/ad hoc committees to meet the accreditation requirements. Board Governance Policy will need to be revised if changes are made to the structure of the committees.

15. Correspondence.

- a. OLS Training Bulletin
- b. Town of Grand Valley, email: New Community Board Members, Julie Van Alstine, Amy Steele, Brennan Solecky, Mary Hatch

16. Financial Report.

Operating.

16.1 MOTION #5: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by D. Halls, to accept the reviewed operating expenses for December (\$24,466.77)

16.2 MOTION #6: Moved by Mary Hatch, seconded by Dave Halls, to receive the 2022 financial report.

Capital

16.3 MOTION #7: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by J. Jonker, to receive the 2022 financial statement for the Capital Account.

GIC to be discussed at the February 8, 2022 meeting.

17. Committee Reports.

17.1 Finance.

Bank Account Signatories: J. Stevenson, J. Van Alstine and J. Jonker
2023 Grand Valley Public Library Budget – Draft. Budget was reviewed and approval differed until February meeting. Discussion for next meeting, discretionary fund to be placed as a budget line.

17.2 Personnel, Administration and By-laws.

Policies: Human Rights - Discrimination and Harassment Policy, Prevention of Workplace Violence Policy, Working Alone Policy, Occupational Health and Safety were deferred until the Library Board March meeting. These policies to be added to the February Agenda with a note of deferral to March.

17.3 Advocacy.

OLA Super Conference 2023 –February 1- 4, J. Stevenson and S. McTaggart will be attended the conference in Toronto. Library Board Bootcamp will be on Saturday, Feb. 4th with virtual sessions only. CEO to forward information to the Board Members and will register all that wish to attend.

17.4 Strategic Planning.

Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and the Strategic Plan Report Card are available in dropbox and the Library Board Orientation Binders for review.

17.5 Information Technology/Communications.

18 Chair Report.

19 CEO Report.

- The Library will be receiving the connectivity grant again this year, reflected in the budget. The OLS Broadband Grant will be bringing Fibre Optics to the library, no projected date for this to be implemented.
- The Furnace has been repaired, fan motor replaced and bearings. A Valve still needs to be replaced.
- Staff is requesting new chairs.
- CEO is working on Annual Report for 2022.
- March Break Programs: Comic Juggler Craig, Dufflebag Theatre, Hands on Exotic Safari Adventures. They will be held at the Community Centre.
- Painting from the Royal Bank has been moved into the McGinnis Room. Artwork is by Margaret Oorebeek and Framing by Julie Van Alstine, both local artists.
- Overdrive App has a sunset date, only the Libby App should be used moving forward.

20 New business.

21 Next meeting. Wednesday February 8, 2022. 7:00 p.m. McGinnis Room.

22 Motion to adjourn. 9:40 p.m. J. Van Alstine.