

Grand Valley Public Library Board
Minutes: Wednesday February 14, 2024

Present:

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair
Amy Steele
Brennan Solecky
Mary Hatch
James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep.
Lenora Banfield, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.
Joanne Stevenson, CEO, secretary/treasurer

Regrets:

Andrew Stirk, Chair, Township of Amaranth Rep.

1. Call to Order. CEO 7:02pm

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 A. Steele, seconded by J. Jonker, that the agenda be approved as amended.

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by B. Solecky, that the agenda be approved as amended.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

6.1 GIC, Renewed GIC with February 2024 maturity date, for one year @5.05%,

The surplus monies from 2023 have not been transferred over to the reserve account to invest the \$20,000 into a new GIC. The GIC with a March 2024 maturity date will be reinvested at the best interest rate.

7. Correspondence

7.1 FOPL update, email, January 24th

MOTION #3: Moved by L. Banfield, seconded by J. Jonker to receive the correspondence.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for December

MOTION #4: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by B. Solecky to accept the reviewed expenses for January (\$31268.50).

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

MOTION #5: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by A. Steele to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account.

9. Committee Reports

Building Committee meeting was held virtually on, Thursday January 18 at 6:00pm. Committee members are to tour new libraries with the CEO, if possible to compile research information for a report to present to the board and councils.

10. Chair Report

11. CEO Report

- March Break Programs have been booked with 2 shows for Birds of Prey, Fireside Munsch, Bumbling Bert and a Friday Public Skate. Arena has been booked and confirmed.
- CEO attended the OLA conference. Topics of sessions, Advocacy, Dyslexia, collection cataloguing & development, new databases available, facilitating meetings, staff onboarding, ARUPLO guidelines, AMPLO meeting, keynote speakers and the OLA Board Bootcamp

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- Attended a virtual meeting with MPP Sylvia Jones, D. Fraser(Orangeville Public Library), C. Lipp(Caledon Public Library), R. Dotten(Shelburne Public Library) to advocate the importance of an Ontario Digital Library.
- CEO will be completing the Annual Public Library Survey.

12. New Business

12.1 MOTION #6: Moved by J. Jonker, seconded by M. Hatch, be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board proceed in closed session in order to address a matter pertaining to:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board Members of Library Personnel at approximately 7:28pm.

MOTION #7: Moved by L. Banfield, seconded by A. Steele, be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board rise and report at 7:42pm

The CEO will proceed as directed in the closed session.

12.3 OLA Report – A. Steele & B. Solecky attended the OLA Board Bootcamp Ideas for future projects:

Advocacy with Municipalities: short videos for updates

Junior Library Board

Friends of the Library(Advocacy Group)

Board meeting efficiency – written reports from CEO and committees; prepared for meetings with all materials read ahead of the board meeting

12.3 Circulation Policy

12.4 Internet Access Use and Guidelines policy

MOTION #8: Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by J. Jonker to accept the reviewed/ revised policies.

12.5 2023 Annual Report Review. Board will review and approval is deferred to March

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday March 20, 2024 7:00pm McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Steele to adjourn at 8:24pm CARRIED