

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes Wednesday March 9, 2022

PRESENT

Chair: Carol Hall

Vice Chair: Julie Van Alstine

Board Members: Rahmatu Etti-Balogun

East Garafraxa Rep.: Fran Pinkney

Town of Grand Valley Rep.: Philip Rentsch

Amaranth Rep.: Steve Niedzwiecki

CEO: Joanne Stevenson

REGRETS

Board Member: Shane di Benedetto

1. **Call to order:** CEO 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 February 9, 2022 meeting.**
MOTION #2: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, that the minutes of the February, 2022 meeting, be approved.
6. **Business arising from the minutes.**
7. **Correspondence.**
7.1 Donation from Orica Canada (\$5,000.00)
MOTION #3: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by F. Pinkney that the correspondence be received.
8. **Financial Report.**
8.1 **Operating.**
MOTION #4: Moved by F. Pinkney, seconded R. Etti-Balogun, to accept the reviewed operating expenses for January. (\$23,972.34)
8.2 **Capital**

MOTION #5: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the reviewed financial statement for the capital account for February. (no expenses)

9. Committee Reports.

9.1 Finance

Capital account, CEO is to bring to the board options to earn higher interest on the reserve funds.

9.2 Personnel, Administration and By-laws.

MOTION #6: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun the following policies be approved:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy
- Mission, Vision, Values and Philosophy
- Non-resident Borrowing

Board Duties and Responsibilities Policy discussed, CEO is to revise and bring forward for approval in May.

Board of Directors Self-Evaluation Form was distributed, for Board Members to complete.

CEO performance review, Friday, April 1 at 9:00am.

9.3 Advocacy.

GVPL Board Legacy Document, discussed. Decision was to review the Strategic Plan in November and include the report in the new Library Board's orientation package.

Beanstack Web Service – web service to drive engagement and participation in programs, such as the TD Summer reading

LOTE Online for Kids – Digital picture books in 45+ world languages together with English translations.

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Rentsch, seconded by F. Pinkney to purchase Beanstack Web Service and LOTE Online for Kids

9.4 Strategic Planning.

9.5 Information Technology/Communications.

IT Support – CEO is vetting possible companies.

10. Chair Report.

11. CEO Report.

Applied for First Book Canada, "Best Home Library Grant" for \$10,000. This grant is through a draw from all entries. This money would be used to provide free books to families and other activities on the GV Lions Club Duck Day.

OLS Board Assembly Meetings, open for registration
FOPL AGM, Friday, June 10, 10:00am

Carpets will be cleaned on Monday, April 18 (Easter Monday)

CEO will be on Vacation Friday, April 8 – Monday, April 18.

The library will be resuming their regular hours in May.
Programs for March Break will be in-person.

- Home Alone
- TAG – Teen Program
- Babysitting Course
- St. Patrick's Day StoryTime
- St. Patrick's Day STEM program

12. New business

Book Sale, May 24-28

The staff has requested replacement of the tables in the program room to lighter plastic tables.
CEO to bring forward options and prices.

13. Next meeting. Wednesday May 11, 2022. 7:15 p.m. McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn. 8:30 p.m. J. Van Alstine.