

GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday February 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  
CEO Joanne Stevenson

**REGRETS:** Board Member Shane di Benedetto  
Amaranth rep. Steve Niedzwiecki

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 P. Rentsch, 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 January 12, 2022 meeting.**  
**MOTION #2:** Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by F. Pinkney, that the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting, be approved.
6. **Business arising from the minutes.**
7. **Correspondence.**
  - 7.1 OLS Newsletter – email
  - 7.2 OLS LearnHQ Training Bulletin – email
  - 7.3 OLS Connectivity Grant (\$1259.88) and Postage Reimbursement (\$1130.00)
  - 7.4 Donation from CanadaHelps.org (\$480.00)**MOTION #3:** Moved by F. Pinkney, seconded by J. Van Alstine that the correspondence be received.
8. **Financial Report.**
  - 8.1 **Operating.**  
**MOTION #4:** Moved by R. Etti-Balogun, seconded J. Van Alstine, to accept the reviewed operating expenses for January. (\$30,819.01)

## 8.2 Capital

**MOTION #5:** Moved by R. Etti-Balogun, seconded by F. Pinkney to accept the reviewed financial statement for the capital account for January. (no expenses)

## 9. Committee Reports.

### 9.1 Finance

Budget 2022 – Town of Grand Valley and Township of East Garafraxa approved the budget on January 25, 2022. CEO present the budget to the Township of Amaranth on February 2, 2022, waiting for motion of approval.

### 9.2 Personnel, Administration and By-laws.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy is needed. CEO will draft a policy using OLS Sample Policy for approval.

Board Duties and Responsibilities Policy – due for review April, present policy in dropbox and sample policies from libraries for research purposes.

### 9.3 Advocacy.

OLA Conference 2022, Feb 1-5, 2022 was held virtual, CEO and S. McTaggart attended. F. Pinkney & R. Etti-Balogun will view videos at a later date. Available until August 2022.

### 9.4 Strategic Planning.

Strategic Plan 2022-2025 reviewed

**MOTION #6:** Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun to approve the Strategic Plan 2022-2025

### 9.5 Information Technology/Communications.

IT Support – CEO is vetting possible companies.

## 16. Chair Report.

C. Hall attended Garden Club meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The chosen colour for the year is red and the theme is “Year of the Garden”. They will be having a garden contest with prizes, dates to be announced. Silent Auction is still scheduled for early March at the library.

## 17. CEO Report.

The library is open, programs are virtual and curbside kits for February. Re-assessment for in-person programs will be determined in March.

### Weekly Programs

ToddlerTime – virtual

Storytime – curbside kits with video

CocoaClub – curbside kits with video

Snacks ‘n Crafts – curbside kits with video

Tea/Coffee and Conversation – curbside care kits.

## Education/Training

### CEO

- Health & Safety Training presentation with Public Service Health & Safety Assoc.
- Procurement Training Presentation through the Town of Grand Valley
- OLA Super Conference 2022, Virtual February 1-6
- Informal CEO chats – Ontario Library Service
- Network Meeting with Caledon, Orangeville, Shelburne Public Libraries

### Staff

- OLA Super conference 2022, Virtual February 1-6
- Personal Resilience in the Workplace – LearnHQ Ontario Library Service
- Roll for Initiative – Attracting Users to programming using games - LearnHQ Ontario Library Service
- Black History Month: Beyond Books - LearnHQ Ontario Library Service
- 2 courses through distance learning, Mohawk College for the Library and Information Technician diploma

18. **New business.**

19. **Next meeting.** Wednesday March 8, 2021. 7:15 p.m. McGinnis Room/Virtual (TBA)

20. **Motion to adjourn.** 7:38 p.m. J. Van Alstine.