

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes: Wednesday May 8, 2024

Present:

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair
Amy Steele
Mary Hatch
Andrew Stirk, Chair, Township of Amaranth Rep.
Lenora Banfield, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.
Joanne Stevenson, CEO, secretary/treasurer

Regrets:

Brennan Solecky
James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep.

1. Call to Order. 7:00pm

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 L. Banfield, seconded by A. Steele, that the agenda be approved.

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch, that the minutes of April 10, 2024 be approved.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

7. Correspondence

FOPL News Alert, email, April 12

MOTION #3: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch to receive the correspondence.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for April

MOTION #4: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the reviewed expenses for April (\$46,650.88).

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

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

9. Committee Reports

10. Chair Report

A. Stirk, library chair will be absent at the June 12th meeting. Township of Amaranth sent a letter to the Ontario Government in support of more funding for libraries and museums.

11. CEO Report

- Attended meeting on Service Ontario Info Session on Tuesday, April 30 – Service Ontario looking to partner with Libraries to bring services to the community. 2 year commitment if the libraries are interested in this program -Library Board has directed the CEO to inquire more about this program.
- Attended Quickbooks webinar: Work smarter, not harder on Quickbooks online. Now using Quickbooks Online, payroll is now direct deposit.
- Changing Mat Service from Olympic Dust to Swan Dust Control
- CSJ position approved for 9 weeks @ 30 hours a week, budget will allow for 12 weeks. Job posted on April 18, 2024.
- Toured Wasaga Beach Public Library and Meaford Public Library on May 3rd with J. Van Alstine.
- Survey: Are we interested in doing a new survey, last survey 2021.
- Emailed 6 French Immersion Schools with students from Amaranth, East Garafraxa and Grand Valley about Cantook Library and Lote4kids.

- Orica donation received, \$4,000.00
- **Programs:** CocoaClub, Tween Scene, Babytime, Storytime, Coffee/Tea & Connections, Coffee, Regular Programs end May 10th.
- Coffee, Conversation & Books, Author Hugh Russel (May 15th), Love your Lavendar (May 9th), Mother's Day Tea (Saturday, May 11: 1-2 (11 registered), 2:30-3:30 (9 registered). Picture Books and Pedicures (June 8th).

12. New Business

12.1 FOPL: Rural Caucus Trustee's has an opening. Board members to contact FOPL if interested in this position.

12.2 Duck Day Race: Saturday, May 25, The library will have a booth, S. McTaggart, J. Stevenson, M. Hatch are available for the day. The library will be making buttons with ducky sayings and have a mat for small children to play.

12.3 Book Sale: May 21 – May 26, L. Banfield, A. Steele and J. Stevenson are to move boxes on Thursday, May 16 @ 4:00pm, Friday, May 17 J. Van Alstine, M. Hatch and J. Stevenson to set up books.

12.4 Silent Auction: The Library Board has decided to have a Silent Auction in the Fall of this year.

12.5 Succession Plan (deferred until September), 4 year review.

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday June 12, 2024 7:00pm McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #6: Moved by A. Steele to adjourn at 7:35 pm. CARRIED