

Grand Valley Public Library Board
Minutes: Wednesday September 11, 2024

Present:

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

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 J.Van Alstine , that the agenda be approved.

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by J. Van Alstine seconded by B. Solecky, that the minutes of Wednesday June 12, 2024 be approved.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

6.1 Silent Auction will be held from October 7th – November 23rd. Letters requesting donations have been delivered to the Downtown Businesses.

6.2 Library Survey, 99 responses were received, 24 community members would be interested in joining a planning committee.

7. Correspondence

7.1 International Plowing Match Donation, The Library received \$1,000.

7.2 Township of Amaranth, Re Board of Management Agreement Review
Library Board directs CEO to respond to Amaranth Council, requesting specific amendment requests by January 31, 2025 for the Library Board to consider.

MOTION #3: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by B. Solecky to receive the correspondence.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for June, July and August.

MOTION #4: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch to accept the reviewed expenses for June (\$38,152.58), July (\$36,045.03) and August (\$43,839.39).

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

MOTION #5: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by B. Solecky to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account.

9. Committee Reports

Building Committee Report – GVPL Functional Program presented by A. Steele to the Library Board.

MOTION #6: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the reviewed GVPL functional program for a new library.

CEO is directed to forward GVPL Functional Program to the Town of Grand Valley Council with a cover letter.

10. Chair Report

Township of Amaranth's timeline for approval of the 2025 budget is before February 2025.

11. CEO Report

- Summer Programs were a great success this year. Sarah, staff and CEO have had a lot of wonderful compliments from the community. Everyone loved the end of summer foam party. The participation this year was amazing with 671 attending the programs during the week + end of summer program Foam Party

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of 186, 116 readers sign up through the google form registration, 107 used beanstalk and 3678 books were read through the summer.

- I have hired a new staff, Jillian Beachin who started on Wednesday September 4.
- Caledon Dufferin Board Network Learn and Connect Meeting. Thursday, October 3, will include 5 libraries. This event will be held at the Lion's Den, Lower Level – Caledon East Community Centre, 6215 Old Church Road Caledon. This will include a light dinner.
- Staff Training Day, Monday, September 9th @ Shelburne Public Library. All staff attended the training which included Indigenous training (Blanket Exercise, Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day), Readers' Advisory and Customer Service.
- **Fall Programs:**
 - Children's:** Fall Fair Expo Extravaganza, Tween Youth Dance, Baby & Toddler Time (ages 0-36 months), After School Story time (ages 3-5), Cocoa Club (ages 6-10), Tween Scene (11+), Home Alone (age 10+), Let's Get Cooking(2 sessions, Grade 5-8), Annual Gingerbread Houses (take home), Cards for Seniors (teen volunteer hours)
 - Adult:** Community Scanning Day with MOD, Coffee, Conversation & Books, Vivid Autumn colours of Ontario with David Chapman, Coffee/Tea & Connection, 2 Reading Connection Book Club, Book Lovers Club, Basket Weaving, Festive Holiday Urns, Charcuterie Boards, 4 cooking sessions with Chef Jex Paisley and Money Talk
- Seed Catalogue continues with a large donation of seed packets.
- Accreditation processes has begun.
- Public Library Operating Grant (PLOG) has been completed.
- New website to be launched September 17th, 2024.
- The Library will be receiving a donation from RBC of \$1,500.00.
- Program room & foyer have been repainted. The carpet was also cleaned.

12 New Business

12.1 Succession Plan

MOTION #7: Moved by J. Jonker, seconded by B. Solecky to accept the reviewed Succession Plan.

12.2 Indigenous Awareness and Reconciliation Statement

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the revised Indigenous Awareness and Reconciliation Statement

12.3 Caledon Dufferin Board Networking Meeting

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12.4 Fall Fair, September 20-22. J. Van Alstine will help on the booth Saturday, A. Stirk will help on the booth Sunday.

12.5 Library Board Pictures, The Library Board made the decision to place only the first and Current Board Pictures on the wall, the remaining will be placed in a Scrapbook in the Local History Section

12. Next Meeting

Wednesday October 9, 2024 7:00pm McGinnis Room

13. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #9: Moved by J. Jonker to adjourn at 8:13pm. CARRIED