

Grand Valley Public Library Board
Minutes: Wednesday November 13, 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

Regrets:

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 J. Van Alstine, seconded by L. Banfield, that the agenda be approved as amended.

4. **Declaration of any conflicts of interest.**

None.

5. **Minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting.**

MOTION #2: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by B. Solecky, that the minutes of October 9, 2024 be approved.

6. **Business arising from the minutes.**

6.1 Library Board Photo

6.2 Building Committee: Council Presentation December 10th, 2024. B. Solecky, J. Van Alstine, J. Stevenson and A. Steele will attend.

6.3 Silent Auction, ends Saturday November 23,2024 @ 4:00pm

6.4 Township of Amaranth, RE: Board of Management Review, Board is requesting the Township bring forth changes for the Library Board to review. The CEO is to contact the Town of Grand Valley and inform them about the request.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Donation, Ilse Birkholtz, \$200.00

MOTION #3: Moved by J. Jonker, seconded by A. Steele to receive the correspondence.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for October.

MOTION #4: Moved by L. Banfield, seconded by A. Steele to accept the reviewed expenses for October(\$40,513.64).

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

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

9. Committee Reports

9.1 CEO Performance Review Committee – November 18, 2024, 1:00pm.

Performance review will be conducted by A. Stirk and A. Steele.

10. Chair Report

11. CEO Report

- **Fall Programs:**

Children's: 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: Coffee, Conversation & Books, Coffee/Tea & Connection, 2 Reading Connection Book Club, Book Lovers Club, Festive Holiday Urns, Charcuterie Boards
Basketweaving was cancelled due to lack of interest. Adult cooking classes were amazing, looking to do it again in 2025.

- Accreditation was completed with a virtual call on November 7th. Report to follow.
- CEO attended the OLS virtual conference on October 23.

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- CEO will be attending Town of Grand Valley Open House on November 27. The library will have a display. Board members are welcome to join. This is a wonderful advocacy opportunity.
- CEO will have completed all staff performance reviews by the end of November.
- Registration for OLA Super Conference “Building Bridges”, January 29, 2025 – February 1, 2025. Saturday February 1st be the Library Trustee Boot Camp.
- Staff Christmas Party will be on Friday December 13.
- Canada Summer Jobs application for 2025 will be open from November 18th – December 19th. CEO will apply for 30 hours per week for 16 weeks.

12. New Business

12.1 MOTION #6: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by J. Van Alstine, 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 7:49pm

MOTION #7: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by B. Solecky, be it resolved that:

Grand Valley Public Library Board rise and report at 7:57pm

The CEO will proceed as directed in the closed session.

12.2 Book Sale, set up 10am Saturday November 16, J. Van Alstine, M. Hatch and J. Stevenson

12.3 Santa Claus Parade, November 30th, 2024. The library will be entering a float “Merry Christmas Curious George”. S. McTaggart is working with A. Steele and J. Van Alstine.

12.4 GVPL Strategic Plan Report Card. Library will review and provide input at the December board meeting.

12.5 Procurement Policy, deferred to December 2024.

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday December 11, 2024 7:00pm McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Steele to adjourn at 8:17pm. CARRIED