

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

Present:

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

Regrets:

Brennan Solecky
Andrew Stirk, Chair, Township of Amaranth 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 as amended

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by J. Jonker, that the minutes of November 13, 2024 be approved.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

6.1 Silent Auction – proceeds from the Silent Auction \$2160.00

6.2 Book Sale - proceeds from the Book Sale \$779

6.3 CEO Performance Review

MOTION #3: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Jonker, 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 7:05pm.

MOTION #4: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch, be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board rise and report at 7:08pm

A. Steele presented to the library board summary of CEO's performance review.

6.3 Procurement Policy

MOTION #5: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by L. Banfield to accept the revised policy.

6.4 Strategic Plan Report Card – reviewed

7. Correspondence

7.1 FOPL – Statement of Intellectual Freedom, email, November 26, 2024

7.2 Donation, D. Holmes, \$200.00

7.3 Donation, Genealogy Group, \$94.34

MOTION #6: Moved by A. Steele seconded by M. Hatch to receive the correspondence.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for November (\$27,249.13).

MOTION #7: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by J. Jonker to accept the reviewed expenses for November (\$27,249.13).

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by L. Banfield to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account.

9. Committee Reports

Building committee Report – Committee attended Town of Grand Valley Council Meeting on December 10th, 2024 to answer questions from the Council about the Grand Valley functional program for a new building. At present, Council is not willing or able to make any firm decisions of a projected date or timeline.

10. Chair Report

J. Van Alstine Wishes all the Board Members a Merry Christmas

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+), Let's Get Cooking(2 sessions, Grade 5-8), Annual Gingerbread Houses (take home), Cards for Seniors (teen volunteer hours)

Christmas Break Programs – Lego club, New Years at noon, Teen Pizza hang out, Stuffy Sleepover.

Adult: Coffee, Conversation & Books (December 18 in Orangeville), Coffee/Tea & Connection, 2 Reading Connection Book Club, Book Lovers Club, Charcuterie Boards

Registration for OLA Super Conference "Building Bridges", January 29, 2025 – February 1, 2025. Saturday February 1st be the Library Trustee Boot Camp. CEO & S. McTaggart have been registered for full Conference.

Staff Christmas Party will be on Friday December 13.

Canada Summer Jobs application.
CEO has applied for 30 hours per week for 16 weeks.

Connectivity Reimbursement has been applied for 2024/2025.

The PLOG for the Town of Grand Valley has been received.

Board Meetings 2025

- January 8th
- February 12th
- March 12th (March Break) or reschedule to March 19th
- April 9th – Cancelled
- May 14th
- June 11
- July & August – NO MEETINGS
- September 10th

- October 8th
- November 12
- December 10th

12. New Business

12.1 Media Communications Policy

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Jonker to accept the reviewed Media Communications Policy.

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday January 8, 2025 7:00pm McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #6: Moved by A. Steele to adjourn at 8:15pm. CARRIED