

GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday September 9, 2020

PRESENT: Chair: Carol Hall
Board members: Rahmatu Etti-Balogun
Julie vanAlstine
Town of Grand Valley rep.: Philip Rentsch
East Garafaraxa rep.: Fran Pinkney
CEO: Joanne Stevenson

REGRETS: Board members: Shane di Benedetto

1. **Call to order.** 7:15pm
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 F. Pinkney, seconded by J. vanAlstine, that the agenda be approved.
4. **No declaration of any conflicts of interest at this time.**
5. **Minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting.**
MOTION #2: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by J. vanAlstine, that the minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting, be approved.
6. **Minutes of the June 24, 2020 meeting.**
MOTION #3: Moved by R. Etti-Balogun, seconded by J. vanAlstine, that the minutes of the June 24 meeting, be approved.
7. **Business arising from the minutes.**
EAF grant (Enabling Accessibility Fund) application has been submitted, no response to date.
8. **Correspondence.**
9. **Financial Report.**
 - 9.1 **Operating.**
MOTION #4: Moved by J. vanAlstine, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun, to ratify payment of operating expenses for June (\$14,116.81) and July (\$17,299.78).

MOTION #5: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by R. Etti-Balogun to pay operating expenses for August (\$25,685.48).

MOTION #6: Moved by F. Pinkney, seconded by P. Rentsch to accept the 2nd quarterly report for 2020.

9.2 **Capital.** No Expenses to report

10. **Committee Reports.**

10.1 **Finance.**

Draft budget for October meeting.

10.2 **Personnel, Administration and By-laws.**

MOTION #7: Moved by F. Pinkney, seconded by J. P. Rentsch, 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 or Library personnel at approximately 7:33 p.m.

MOTION #8: Moved by R. Etti-Balogun, be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board rise and report at approximately 7:39 p.m. All carried

MOTION #9: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by F. Pinkney, CEO to proceed as directed in closed session.

MOTION #10: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by F. Pinkney, that the reviewed policy, Access to Information and Protection of Privacy and Electronic messages under CASL be approved.

10.3 **Advocacy.**

Annual Silent Auction will not be held this year. Book Sale will be held Monday, November 23 – Saturday, November 28

10.4 **Strategic Planning.**

10.5 **Information Technology/Communications.**

Purchase of the Useful computer scheduled to be replaced this year, is presently turned off due to COVID-19 mandated distancing rules and will not be replaced until needed.

11. **Chair Report.**

No Report

12. **CEO Report.**

COVID-19 report

The library has been opened as of August 10, with limited access and operating hours.

Hours of Operation will be increased as the demand is needed.

Summer Children's programs were "well attended" with programs offered virtual and curbside craft kits for pick ups.

Programs: Storytime and Toddlertime will be virtual until the end of 2020.

Birdwatching program will be virtual, available online for 4 months. Presented by David T. Chapman.

Gingerbread Houses, will be pick up kits and we will be asking Costco and Lion's Club for donations.

Snacks & Crafts/Cocoa Club - craft kits with online videos, if not possible to do in library programs

Freegal offered temporary 24 hour streaming online until the end of 2020. Renewal price for this database has no increase.

Resilient Communities Fund (Trillium Grant) has become available. Deadline Dec. 2, 2020 Orangeville/Shelburne/Caledon Libraries would like to do a joint venture for a book mobile/events vehicle. "Library on the go". This would be a great for school visits to Laurelwoods and East Garafraxa. The community would only be allowed to have one grant per community.

13. **New business.**

14. **Next meeting.** Wednesday October 14, 2020. 7:15 p.m. McGinnis Room.

15. **Motion to adjourn.** 8:07 p.m. J. vanAlstine.