

GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday February 13, 2019

PRESENT: Chair: Carol Hall
Board members: Shane di Benedetto
Town of Grand Valley rep.: Philip Rentsch
East Garafaraxa rep.: Fran Pinkney
Amaranth rep.: Mark Tijssen
Library Assistant Joanne Stevenson
CEO Shann Leighton

REGRETS: Board member: Rahmatu Etti-Balogun
Julie vanAlstine

1. **Call to order** 7:15 p.m.
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 S. di Benedetto, that the agenda be approved.
4. **No declaration of any conflicts of interest at this time.**
5. **Minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting.**
MOTION #2: Moved by S. di Benedetto, seconded by C. Hall, that the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting be approved.
6. **Business arising from the minutes.**
6.1 Carpet
The carpet will be replaced under warranty. The colour has been chosen and arrangements will be made as soon as possible for the new carpet to be installed. Suggested we make sure the old glue is removed before installing the new carpet.
7. **Correspondence.**
SOLS (Southern Ontario Library Service) Signal. Newsletter.
MOTION #3: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by F. Pinkney that the correspondence be received.

8. **Financial Report.**

8.1 **Operating.**

MOTION #4: Moved by F. Pinkney, seconded by Shane di Benedetto, that the Board approve payment of the expenses for the month of December (\$30,248.58)

8.2 **Capital**

MOTION #5: Moved by P. Rentsch, seconded by F. Pinkney, that the capital expenses for the month of December be paid.

Library Services Centre (Launchpad)	\$273.26
Library Bound (Books)	\$1,008.53
Total	\$ 1,281.79

9. **Committee Reports.**

9.1 **Finance.** 2019 Budget.

The Town of Grand Valley approved the 2019 Library Board Budget. CEO talked to CAO Susan Stone from Amaranth and East Garafraxa Townships. Sue will present the Library budget to each respective Council and get back to CEO if they want to have a budget presentation. New CEO, Joanne Stevenson will do information presentation to all three Councils on the services of the Library later in the year.

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

At future meetings will be reviewing Library policies.

9.3 **Advocacy.**

At the March Board meeting will set a date in April for the Advocacy Committee to meet and plan for Library events/fund raising.

9.4 **Strategic Planning.**

Report from Philip Rentsch. The Town of Grand Valley Council has agreed to keep the site on Mill Street where the Youth Centre is currently situated as a future location for a new Library. The Library is to take the lead in negotiations for purchase with the current owners of the property on the South West corner of Mill and Emma Street.

The contamination of the land should be clear when it becomes time for the project to move ahead.

9.5 **Information Technology/Communications.** No report.

10. **Chair Report.**

This is Shann Leighton's, CEO, last Board meeting.

11. **CEO Report.**

The Value and impact of public libraries - what Boards and Staff need to know. Tuesday February 26, 2019. 2:00 p.m. Meaford Hall Arts and Cultural Centre.

AODA & Human Rights Training. Joanne will pick a Monday evening at 6:00 in April for Board members to come to the Library and complete this training.

Two reports on Drop Box. Bridge Toolkit Report and Digitization Report.

Dufferin Coalition for Kids (DuCK) including Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health are supporting an initiative called the Dufferin Basics in an effort to ensure that service providers across Dufferin County can provide parents/caregivers with consistent-based parenting messages. They are asking the Libraries in Dufferin to support this campaign by:

Displaying and distributing the Dufferin Basic materials

Posting information about the Dufferin Basics on our social media

Talking to our patrons who are caring for infants/toddlers about the five parenting principles

Any other way that we think fits with the library's programming.

Girls who Code: Clubs are designed to be run by anyone. Tools are provided free for training in code. The Library would have to provide computers for each of the participants and hire someone to run the club. Joanne is currently working on a grant application.

It is a funding opportunity offered by the Canadian Internet Registry Authority (CIRA).

According to CIRA, libraries are eligible for funding amounts of \$100,000 and \$250,000 for Internet related projects to improve:

1. Infrastructure: Developing connectivity services for regional, rural, remote and/or underserved communities
2. Access: Providing individuals and communities with the ability to connect to the internet
3. Digital Literacy: Enhancing Canadians' knowledge and skills to use the internet effectively and safely
4. Engagement: Research and knowledge-sharing activities that broaden public understanding and participation in internet policy development, governance and cybersecurity
5. Services: Building online apps and platforms that address social, economic and/or environmental needs

The goal for Grand Valley is to apply for funding for hotspots, computers, and staff time to deliver training sessions in computer literacy. We could also include in this grant the cost for delivering the Coding for Girls program.

12. **New business.**

No new business.

13. **Next meeting.** Wednesday March 13, 2019. 7:15 p.m. McGinnis Room.

14. **Motion to adjourn.** 8:30 p.m. S. di Benedetto.

