

# GRAND VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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

**REGRETS:** Board member: Rahmatu Etti-Balogun

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 J. vanAlstine, that the agenda be approved.

4. **No declaration of any conflicts of interest at this time.**

5. **Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting.**

**MOTION #2:** Moved by J. vanAlstine, seconded by M. Tijssen, that the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting be approved as amended.

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

6.1 Carpet

The carpet will be replaced under warranty on Saturday, April 6 and April 7 if extra time is needed. Scott will be in to discuss the prep work needed to be done the week of March 18. The library will be closed for April 6.

7. **Correspondence.**

SOLS (Southern Ontario Library Service) Signal. Newsletter.

Sols Letter welcoming letter to the Library Board Members.

Township of East Garafraxa - budget approval

Township of Amaranth - budget approval

Town of Grand Valley - budget approval

**MOTION #3:** Moved by S. di Benedetto, seconded by F. Pinkney that the correspondence be received.

8. **Financial Report.**

8.1 **Operating.**

**MOTION #4:** Moved by J. vanAlstine, seconded by F. Pinkney, that the Board approve payment of the expenses for the month of February (\$24,525.55)

8.2 **Capital** No report

9. **Committee Reports.**

9.1 **Finance.**

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

Policy manual documents on Board Duties and Responsibilities was reviewed, no changes were made at this time.

9.3 **Advocacy.**

The date for the Advocacy committee meeting to discuss fundraisers and events for 2019. Friday, April 12 at 10:30.

9.4 **Strategic Planning.** No report

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

10. **Chair Report.**

Shann Leighton's, retirement party on March 9 was a success with approximately, 100 people with friends, family, past board members, municipal representatives and members of the community in attendance.

Thank you was made to the Township of East Garafraxa and Township of Amaranth for monies to purchase a present for Shann.

11. **CEO Report**

Two new staff was hired for the Library II casual fill in positions. Two were need to be hired as a position was empty with the shift of staff and one was needed to replace a staff who has submitted in her notice. The two new staff has started their training and will be working the Sunday shifts starting at the beginning of June.

Five staff will be attending their First Aid Training Course in Orangeville.

March Break programs are on-going this week with the best attendance this year with approximately 70 people attending both the Dufflebag Theatre and the Craig Douglas Comic

Juggler show. Thursday's show will be the Creature Quest, we are expecting this show to have the best attendance.

The Audit for 2018 has been completed, the report is to follow.

Donna Pascoe is developing an alternative proposal to building a new library at the Mill Street location. Her preference is to have the library stay at the present location.

The CIRA- community investment program grant has been submitted. The library has applied for \$10,000.

The library has applied for the Sarah Badgley Literacy Fund for Rural Ontario Children grant. This grant is for \$500.00 with the programs to promote the love of reading. The library's proposal is to offer a Sleepytime Storytime in the evenings for children and parents. The monies from Orica will also support this program to buy promotional materials and activity bags.

12. **New business.**

No new business.

13. **Next meeting.** Wednesday, April 10, 2019. 7:15 p.m. McGinnis Room.

14. **Motion to adjourn.** 8:30 p.m. J. vanAlstine