

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes: Wednesday May 12, 2025

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.** 7:01pm

2. Land 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 A. Steele, that the agenda be approved.

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by A. Steele, that the minutes of Wednesday March 12, 2025 be approved.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

Closed Session:

MOTION #3: Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by M. Hatch, 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 7:10 pm.

MOTION #4: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by B. Solecky, be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board rise and report at 8:15pm.

6.2 Pay Equity Consultant Fee

MOTION #5: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by B. Solecky to create a committee compensation review with the following library board members; L. Banfield and B. Solecky.

7. Correspondence

7.1 OLS Training Bulletin, email March 25, 2025

7.2 MPP Sylvia Jones Congratulations Letter

7.3 Let's Talk Libraries, OLS email, April 10, 2025

7.4 Town of Grand Valley, RE: land for new library

MOTION #6: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine to receive the correspondence.

CEO is directed to respond to the Town of Grand Valley council RE: land for new library. Library Board preference at this time is the 242 Water St. CEO is to inquire if there is Development Charges available to have a viability study completed for this location..

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for March and April.

MOTION #7: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the reviewed expenses for March (\$38,901.16) and April (\$49,437.13)

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

MOTION #8: Moved by L. Banfield, seconded by M. Hatch to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account for March and April.

9. Committee Reports

10. Chair Report

11. CEO Report

See attachment

CEO is directed to send the Valuing the Grand Valley Library Report, to the three municipalities.

12. New Business

12.1 Environmental Policy

12.2 Financial Policy

12.3 McGinnis Room (Program Room) Policy

MOTION #9: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by A. Steele to accept the reviewed policies: Environmental Policy

McGinnis Room (program room) Policy
Financial Policy, deferred until June Library Board Meeting.

12.4 Duck Day and Book Sale

The library will have a booth at the duck race. Book Sale starts May 2, set up is Thursday May 22 @ 6:00pm. L. Banfield, J. Van Alstine and J. Stevenson is available to help set up. B. Solecky will be available on May 24 to help staff with the opening of the book sale.

12.5 Amaranth Council, April Meeting

A. Stirk discussed the Amaranth Council's review of the different boards and service levels. There has been discussion at the Amaranth Council about reviewing different contracts that have been in place for years. The Amaranth Council has not made a decision to not support the GVPL. A. Stirk ensured the library board that he will continue to support the Grand Valley library within his position as the Library Board Chair and Amaranth Councillor.

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday June 11, 2025 7:00pm McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #10: Moved by J. Jonker to adjourn at 9:06pm. CARRIED

CEO REPORT

Month:

April/May

Year:

2025

Advocacy & Promotion	<p>Created bookmarks to promote Pressreader and Freegal databases.</p> <p>Facebook and instagram posts.</p> <p>Updated policies on the website.</p> <p>Created New Poster - "1 Card 100+ Possibilities"</p>	
Programs/Outreach (group visits)	<p>Children's programs</p> <p>Cocoa Club (Weekly -Tuesday)</p> <p>After School Story Time (Weekly-Wednesday)</p> <p>Tween Scene (Weekly-Thursday)</p> <p>Baby & Toddler Time (Weekly-Friday)</p> <p>Storytime Adventures @ EarlyON (monthly)</p> <p>Let's get Cooking, grades 5-8, 6 week course</p> <p>Home Alone, March 29</p> <p>1000 Books before Kindergarten, ongoing</p> <p>Books delivered to Grade 7/8 class in Grand Valley.</p> <p>Tween Spring Fling Dance, April 11</p> <p>Family Programs</p> <p>Easter egg hunt, April 14-17</p> <p>Spring/Summer Clothing Donate & Take, April 25-26</p> <p>Mother's Day Tea, Saturday May 10</p> <p>Adult/Seniors Programs</p> <p>Coffee/Tea and Connections (weekly-Friday)</p> <p>Book Club (2 per month)</p> <p>Spring Sizzle with Jex (3 classes)</p> <p>Let's get jamming with Rebecca, March 20</p> <p>Coffee, Conversation and Books with Sonia Day, April 16th</p> <p>Tick Presentation from WDG Health Unit, May 15</p> <p>Spring Floral (Cancelled)</p>	
Staffing	<p>P. Hamilton will be retiring after 16 years. New schedule for staff has been created.</p> <p>Summer Student job posting closed May 9th.</p>	
Professional Development/Meetings	<p>FOPL AGM (CEO)</p> <p>Dufferin/Caledon Riding CEO Meeting</p> <p>CEO Network Meeting</p> <p>Alzheimer Training, April 22, (Staff and CEO)</p> <p>Little Branches Rural Conference, (2 staff & CEO)</p> <p><u>The Library as Place Conference</u>, "Beyond the Blueprint: Problem Solving Strategies for Library Space Design", Wed. June 18 - Thurs. June 19, 2025, CEO registered</p> <p>CEO Network Meeting 2,500-4,999</p> <p>WDG Public Health - Food Insecurities Research</p>	
Facilities/Equipment	<p>Carpets were cleaned April 21</p> <p>Water fountain/bottle filler installed</p> <p>Central vaccum was replaced</p> <p>Ceiling by the solarium is showing signs of water damage, notified the Town of Grand Valley, waiting for contractor to come and assess.</p>	
Collections	<p>Weeding has been completed for the book sale, ordered updated versions of non-fiction books</p>	
Budget/Grants	<p>Ebsco Solar Grant, submitted on April 10th</p> <p>Canada Summer Jobs Grant has been approved for 9 weeks and 30 hours per week, budget allows for 12 week.</p>	
Community Partnerships/ Collaborations	<p>Dufferin Waste</p> <p>WDG Public Health</p> <p>GV Small Business Group</p> <p>Orangeville Food Share Community Market</p> <p>Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild</p>	<p>Family Transition Place</p> <p>GV Agricultural Society</p> <p>GV Lions Club</p>
Community Support (meeting room)	<p>GV Garden Club</p> <p>Headwaters Communities in Action</p> <p>GV Firefigther's Ladies Aux.</p> <p>Tornado Commemoration Committee</p> <p>Grad Committee</p>	
Other	<p>Created CEO Report Template</p> <p>Valuing Ontario Library's Toolkit (VOLT)</p> <p>Donation of Books and Puzzles, L. Hawkins</p> <p>Jim Shaw Memorial Bench Ceremony</p> <p>Statistics (January - March 2025)</p> <p>Dufferin Food Share Vending machine @ the library (coming soon)</p>	