

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 10, 2011
MVLS Service Center

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sarah Beekman, Margaret Carballeira, Betty Cleary, Patty Franco, Barbara Germain, Bonnie Kerr, René Roser, Jean Wildgrube, and Carol Clingan, Director.

EXCUSED: Lisa Cardilli, Cheryl Cufari, Marion Grimes, Colleen Izzo, Ellen McHale.

GUESTS: Kathy Insero, Sue Rokos.

President Betty Cleary called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She introduced and welcomed Bonnie Kerr from Montgomery County.

MOTION: To elect Bonnie Kerr to fill the unexpired term of Robin Kappler representing Montgomery County.
Roser/Franco. Passed.

The minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting were accepted as submitted.
Germain/Franco. Passed.

The **Director's Report** for January was distributed prior to the meeting. Carol reported:

- **Advocacy Day:** Thanks to those who represented MVLS at this annual event. Betty thanked Sue Rokos for leading the group appointments.
- **State Aid:** For 2011/12 the Governor has proposed a 10% reduction in library aid. A reduction of \$8.4 million returning library aid to less than 1994 levels. At this point, the Senate and the Assembly are currently developing their own budget documents and then negotiations on the final budget begin. ADVOCACY is needed and all are asked to utilize the NYLA website to contact legislators asking that library aid be restored. If MVLS faces another 10% cut, libraries should expect severe reductions in services.
2010/11 Aid: Expect to see final 50% payment by the end of March. The passage of the language permitting payment of Supplemental Aid was signed into law in February. This necessitated a re-calculation of aid charts to allow for what is now seen as an overpayment of basic aid. The reduction will come out of Supplemental Aid. All payments will be further reduced by 1.1%.
- **Annual Reports:** Awaiting 3 library reports.
- **Website:** MVLS is revamping its website and will unveil a new logo.
- **Collective Bargaining Agreement:** Agreement has been signed, now awaiting printed copies from union.
- **MVLS Annual Dinner Meeting:** Scheduled for May 11 at River Stone Manor, Glenville

- **Weather, Deliveries:** Weather has impacted deliveries. When possible, inclement weather delivery cancellations have been rescheduled for Wednesdays. 1.8 million items circulated thru delivery system last year.

Barbara Germain reported for the **Director's Council**. She thanked Sue Rokos for an excellent Summer Reading Program workshop.

During **Privilege of the Floor** Betty read a letter from Harold and Junice Wusterbarth thanking the Board for renaming the MVLS Trustee Award in their honor.

Betty circulated newspaper articles about the member libraries. Barbara announced the Johnstown Library's Storybook Sundae to be held Sunday, March 20, at FMCC. Fifty-one themed baskets for the raffle may be viewed on their blog. (<http://www.johnstownpubliclibrary.info>) Carol reported the Fort Hunter Free Library is moving to 167 Fort Hunter Road.

Treasurer Margaret Carballeira presented the financial statements for January and February 2011 and Payment Schedules for January and February 2011. She complimented Carol and staff for keeping expenditures at a very basic level. No more state aid has been received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT AND FINANCE

Statements of Financial Position:

MOTION: To accept for audit the Statements of Financial Position for January and February 2011.
Germain/Wildgrube. Passed.

Payment Schedules:

MOTION: To approve Payment Schedule #1 for January in the amount of \$92,979.17 and Payment Schedule #2 for February in the amount of \$64,312.84.
Franco/Beekman. Passed.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Guidelines and nomination forms have been forwarded to member libraries and are on the MVLS website. One Library Recognition Award nomination has been received. Barbara asked them to encourage member libraries to submit nominations by April 1, 2011. Winners will be announced at the annual dinner meeting on May 11, 2011. The winner of the Library Recognition award will be asked to do a short presentation at the annual meeting.

BUILDING&/EQUIPMENT

René Roser reported MVLS has had no building issues.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Carol Clingan reported that there are no formal approvals for the current Public Library Construction Grant applications. Future applications will be submitted electronically. Lois Gordon is working with the state to test the new application.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sarah Beekman reported all board vacancies have been filled. Trustees are elected at the annual dinner. Officers have accepted nominations for the 2011-2012 terms. Betty thanked René Roser for bringing Bonnie to the Board.

PERSONNEL

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Carol distributed information regarding a change in retiree health insurance. Both retirees and MVLS will see a substantial savings through this plan.

MOTION: To approve offering CDPHP Medicare Advantage product to eligible retirees.
Germain/Wildgrube. Passed.

JOINT AUTOMATION COUNCIL

Carol reported the Joint Automation Council met March 8, 2011. The Council recommends no fee increase for 2012. The Polaris upgrade done on March 1st was successful. The Executive Committee has been charged to investigate making the Joint Automation Project a separate entity and will be scheduling a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**LSTA APPLICATION AUTHENTICATION**

MVLS is applying for an LSTA Summer Reading Program grant to provide workshop activities, materials, and programming at member libraries.

MOTION: To authenticate the LSTA Summer Reading Program Grant application.
Germain/Carballeira. Passed.

Discussion followed regarding continuing to pay for dinners for the director and a trustee from each library. Despite our financial position, trustees felt that this was a gesture of appreciation to the libraries.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: April 21, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: MVLS Service Center

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Franco, Secretary