

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

Hales Mills Country Club  
Johnstown, New York  
**May 10, 2017**

**MVLS Trustees:** Jane Borrelli, Patty Franco, Marion Grimes, Bonnie Kerr, Barbara Madonna, Mary Salluzzo

**MVLS Staff:** Lois Gordon, Kathy Insero, Sharon O'Brien, Sally Rappa, Sue Rokos, Eric Trahan

**Joint Automation Staff:** Mary Hanley, Michele Largeteau

**Guests:** Sarah Beekman, (Outreach Advisory Committee), Jennifer Donovan, (representing Senator James Tedisco), Bill Leitch, (The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries), Mary Leitch, Kathryn McCary

**Library Trustees, Library Directors and Staff, and Friends**

**Fulton County**

**Gloversville** Elizabeth Batchelor, John Blackmon, Sunday Blackmon, Lance Gunderson, Barbara Madonna, Christine Pesses

**Johnstown** Beth Connelie, Liz Russo, Paul Russo, Erica Wing, Shelley Yerdon

**Northville** Michael Burnett, Jane Borrelli

**Montgomery County**

**Amsterdam** Sue Kazilas, John Naple, Tom Twente

**Fort Hunter** Janey Dygert, Eric Kass, Barbara Lampkin, Sue Nacco, Beverly Osborne, Sue Summerfield

**Fort Plain** Eileen Chambers, Whitney Hubbard, Linda Kellett, Paige Young

**Fonda** Brenda Darling, Sherri Kirschman, Jenni Yeske, Debby Young

**Schenectady County** Karen Bradley, Serena Butch, Cheryl Cufari, Theresa Cufari

**Schoharie County**

**Cobleskill** Harriet Berard, Devon Hedges, Marian Hotopp, Ken Hotopp

**Middleburgh** Vicki DeGroff, Anne LaMont, Terry Pavoldi, Amber Shultes, Diane Stewart, Rebecca Young-Cherizard

**Schoharie** Michele Borst, Cathy Caiazzo, Pat Clancy, Jody DeJong, Millie Hitchcock, Bill Kuehnle, Alyson Montione, Laura Rosenthal

**Sharon Springs** Pam Crandall-Luby, Eleanor Miller

Minutes May 10, 2017

The fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Mohawk Valley Library System was held at the Hales Creek Country Club in Johnstown.

Eric Trahan, Executive Director, welcomed all and introduced Jennifer Donovan, representing Senator James Tedisco.

Eric welcomed special guests Sarah Beekman and Marion Grimes, members of the Outreach Advisory Council.

Eric introduced the members of the Mohawk Valley Library System Board, MVLS staff and the Joint Automation Project staff.

Michael Burnett acknowledged member library directors from each library.

Eric provided information on upcoming events:

- The creation of a new staff position to assist libraries with advocacy. Wade Abbott is the Community Engagement and Communications Specialist
- Upcoming workshops
  - Providing Access to Regional Collections June 1, 2017
  - Foundation Annual Meeting June 14, 2017
- Johnstown Trustee Training May 16, 2017
- Foundation Golf Tournaments on June 9, 2017 in Schenectady and July 31, 2017 in Canajoharie

**Business Meeting:**

MVLS Board President Barbara Madonna called the annual meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

She stated that 12 libraries were in attendance and recognized their trustees. Barbara thanked all the member library trustees for their service and incredible accomplishments. She thanked state Senators and Assemblymen for their outspoken advocacy to increase state aid for libraries. Barbara noted state library aid was kept at the 2016 level and construction aid was increased by \$5 million for 2017.

Barbara noted copies of the 2016 MVLS Annual Report were on tables. The report highlights the activities of the past year, including statistics from each of the member libraries and the MVLS Treasurer's Report. An online version is posted on the MVLS website.

Barbara called for the report of the Nominating Committee:

Patty Franco, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominations for the following seats on the MVLS Board:

- Jane Borrelli, representing Fulton County
- Bonnie Kerr, representing Montgomery County

Barbara asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she stated the minutes will reflect a single ballot for the slate.

Lois Gordon was awarded for her 20 years of service as the Outreach Coordinator for MVLS.

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Barbara recognized Bonnie Kerr, Chair of the Awards Committee, to introduce the annual MVLS Awards. Bonnie thanked the Committee for their work on this year's awards and thanked those who submitted nominations.

Bonnie Kerr presented the 2017 Library Recognition Award to the Fort Hunter Free Library for their *Children's Programs*. Beverly Osborne, President of the Board, described the renewed growth of the children's programs and accepted the award on behalf of the library. The library was awarded \$500, a framed certificate and citations from Jennifer Donovan, representative for Senator George Amedore, and Assemblyman Peter Lopez.

Bonnie Kerr stated the history for the 2017 Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award.

Bonnie introduced Karen Bradley, Director of the Schenectady County Public Library who highlighted the many amazing accomplishments Cheryl Cufari has had for the Schenectady County Public Library and its branches, the Mohawk Valley Library System and The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries. Cheryl was presented with a framed certificate in honor of the 2017 Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award. The Schenectady County Public Library received \$200 in her honor. Citations from Jennifer Donovan, representative for Senator George Amedore, and Assemblyman Peter Lopez were presented.

Barbara congratulated the 2017 award winners on behalf of the MVLS Board of Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The evening ended with the twelfth annual Library Trivia contest hosted by Michael Burnett and assisted by Sue Rokos and Sharon O'Brien. Winners received coupons for books by answering book trivia questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Insero, Recorder