

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

January 19, 2012

MVLS Service Center

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jane Borrelli, Margaret Carballeira, Betty Cleary, Cheryl Cufari, Patty Franco, Barbara Madonna, Ellen McHale, Janet Sand, Jean Wildgrube, and Sue Rokos, Interim Director.

**EXCUSED:** Sarah Beekman, Marion Grimes, Bonnie Kerr, René Roser

**GUESTS:** Kathy Insero

President Betty Cleary called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting were accepted as submitted.  
Madonna/Franco. Passed.

The **Interim Directors Report** was distributed prior to the meeting. Sue reported:

- Governor Cuomo released the 2013 Budget. Library funding remained at 2012 level of \$79 million. This included the \$3 million that was restored.
- NYLA Library Advocacy Day is Tuesday, March 6. Kathy is scheduling meetings with Senators and Assemblyman. The schedule will be forwarded.
- Snapshot NY is collecting snapshots and information regarding a "Day at your Library". Pictures can be seen at [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org)
- Library Development has released the final 2011 payments for LSSA and LLSA.
- Joe Sherry provided a budget forecast through July 2012. Staff was informed to curtail expenditures.
- Annual Report software has been unlocked to enable libraries to submit information. Val Catlin is working with libraries. The due date is March 31. There are two new questions added to the report regarding library votes.
- E-Book Overdrive launched January 9. To date, there has been 1200 downloads. Sharon O'Brien has coordinated the launch, marketing materials and tracking reserves. Libraries have icons on their web pages, as this service is not in the PAC.
- The State Comptroller is holding a webinar at the end of January regarding the 2% tax cap and the form libraries need to submit. There also will be a question and answer segment.
- NYS will be receiving \$1.4 million less in LSTA funding. There is \$400,000 less allocated for 2012, which means there probably will be no funding available for the LSTA Summer Reading Program minigrants. The LSTA Service Improvement grant will be funded for 2012 at \$11,400.
- The Community Library in Cobleskill has hired Devon Hedges as the Director. MVLS has welcomed him.
- The Middleburgh Library will reopen January 30, 2012.

Barbara Madonna reported for the **Director's Council**. Libraries deeply appreciate the work Sharon O'Brien did to coordinate the Overdrive E-book launching.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

- Betty presented newspaper clippings about activities in MVLS libraries.
- Barbara Madonna stated at its January 2012 meeting the Gloversville Public Library Board voted to revise the Circulation and Computer & Internet policies eliminating the restrictions to non-library taxpayers, and to abolish the Program policy. She summarized the history of this policy.

**Treasurer's Report**

Margaret Carballeira presented financial statements for November and December 2011 and Payment Schedules for November and December 2011. She noted year end totals were very close to budget amounts. November and December payables were in line with monthly expenditures. She credited Sue Rokos for providing a summary of disparities.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****AUDIT AND FINANCE****Statements of Financial Position:**

**MOTION:** To accept for audit the Statements of Financial Position for November and December 2011.  
Madonna/Wildgrube. Passed.

**Payment Schedules:**

**MOTION:** To approve Payment Schedule #11 for November in the amount of \$178,581.79 and Payment Schedule #12 for December in the amount of \$91,530.02.  
Wildgrube/Cufari. Passed.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Announcement letters and forms will be distributed via email to member library directors and board presidents.

**BUILDING & EQUIPMENT**

No report.

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

No report.

**NOMINATING**

The Committee was charged with presenting a slate of officers at the June meeting. The terms will expire for Jane Borrelli, Fulton County; Cheryl Cufari, Schenectady County; and Bonnie Kerr, Montgomery County.

**PERSONNEL**

Cheryl Cufari stated it was great to have Sue at the helm. She has shown very good leadership.

**JOINT AUTOMATION COUNCIL**

Cheryl Cufari reported there was very good discussion of e-books and circulation. She presented the following noting it will generate \$21,000 in revenue. It was stated libraries need to have these type of increases and costs early in January to enable them to work on their budgets.

**MOTION:** To approve an increase of the 2013 Item Fee from .08¢ to .09¢ with further Joint Automation study of fees.  
Cufari/Carballeira. Passed.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Betty Cleary reported the MVLS Board of Trustees met to review the notes from staff and member library meetings. The Committee will meet following the business meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS****ALDS DELIVERY CONTRACT**

Sue Rokos presented the ALDS Delivery Contract which expires March 30, 2012. She noted there have been no increases since the contract began.

**MOTION:** To accept the revised ALDS contract with a 2% increase each year for 3 years.  
Wildgrube/McHale. Passed.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The meeting will be held at the River Stone Manor in early May.

**NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

NYLA is hiring an advocate for libraries to enhance libraries with the New York Assembly. All systems are contributing to the cost.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Date: **MARCH 22, 2012 \*\*\*\*\* Note change of date \*\*\*\*\***

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: MVLS Service Center

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Franco, Secretary