

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 21, 2010

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sarah Beekman, Margaret Carballeira, Betty Cleary, Cheryl Cufari, Patty Franco, Barbara Germain, Marion Grimes, Colleen Izzo, René Roser, Jean Wildgrube, Carol Clingan, Director.

EXCUSED: Lisa Cardilli, Ellen McHale

GUESTS: Sue Rokos

President Betty Cleary called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Barbara Germain moved, Cheryl Cufari seconded, to approve minutes from September 16, 2010 MVLS Board meeting as presented. All approved.

The **Director's Report** for September was distributed before the meeting. Carol also reported:

- MVLS's new liaison is Karen Balsen at Library Development due to Joe Mattie's September retirement.
- Mohawk Valley Library System's Plan of Service (2012-16) is due in October 2011 to the Division of Library Development; systems now have the option to ask for an extension. The Board agreed that MVLS should ask for the extension for the Plan to be completed in late 2012 given the uncertainty of state finances.
- Cuts to Delivery service on certain Wednesdays from November through March were outlined and potential savings noted. MVLS has arranged with JA to not ship computers before weekends or Wednesdays and rescheduled Sharon Springs' Wednesday delivery so that they still receive 3 deliveries each week.

Barbara Germain reported for the **Directors' Council** which met October 7. Discussion at Directors' Council included member library news; delivery; ebooks.

Privilege of the Floor:

Betty Cleary shared several library news articles. Patty Franco reported the Gloversville Public Library made \$23,000 on their fund raiser. Margaret Carballeira asked about downloadable audio usage information. Trustees agreed that a full day workshop on fund raising suggested by Carol Clingan would be useful. Margaret Carballeira described Schoharie's current fund raising effort by the trustees; a roomful of Halloween costumes to sell.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Margaret Carballeira presented the Statements of Financial Position and Payment Schedules for September 2010.

Statements of Financial Position

MOTION: To accept and file for audit the Statements of Financial Position for September 2010.
Roser/Beekman. Passed.

Payment Schedules

MOTION: To approve Payment Schedule #9 for September \$75,126.31.
Izzo/Germain. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**AUDIT & FINANCE**

No Report

AWARDS

Barbara Germain reported that the committee continues to work on revising nomination criteria for the MVLS Trustee and Library Recognition Awards to increase the number of nominations for the awards.

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT

René Roser reported some maintenance on the furnace has taken place. The new copier is cheaper and now has the ability to fax, replacing the old fax machine. The DVD repair machine is working but libraries are still not up to their 5th free before billing.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Patty Franco and Carol Clingan reported construction application libraries will have to complete the SEQR form for their construction grants. Lois Gordon will be working with libraries on the revised form. Otherwise all MVLS construction grant application projects have been approved at the first two levels.

PERSONNEL

MOTION: To enter Executive Session to discuss contractual issues at 10:00 AM.
Committee. Passed.

MOTION: To exit Executive Session and resume the business meeting at 10:20 AM.
Izzo/Wildgrube. Passed.

JOINT AUTOMATION COUNCIL

No meeting/report.

NEW BUSINESS**CHANGES TO JA AGREEMENT**

Carol reported that while there is not yet a formal agreement, the following changes to the JA Agreement have been recommended:

- Eliminate term limits for JA council members
- One library representative from each system will be a representative from the Central Library
- Change language so the “uninterested party” becomes the “unaffiliated party”; included in the elimination of term limit language.
- Change language from “6 annual meetings” to “meet bimonthly” to encourage communication between JA and library representatives.

Discussion is ongoing about JA Budget issues as well as how new tax laws will impact two systems and feasibility of looking at JA independent structure.

MVLS BOARD VACANCY

Carol discussed the need for a new board member representing Montgomery County.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: **Thursday November 18, 2010**

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: MVLS Service Center

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Franco, Secretary