

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 15, 2010

MVLS Service Center

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Cardilli, Betty Cleary, Cheryl Cufari, Patty Franco, Barbara Germain, Colleen Izzo, Ellen McHale, Dusty Putnam, Jean Wildgrube, and Carol Clingan, Director.

EXCUSED: Margaret Carballeira, Marion Grimes, Robin Kappler, and René Roser.

GUESTS: Kathy Inero

President Betty Cleary called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Betty introduced and welcomed Jean Wildgrube from the Schenectady County Public Library.

MOTION: To elect Jean Wildgrube to fill the unexpired term of Carol Raphael representing Schenectady County.
Germain/Izzo. Passed.

The minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting were accepted as submitted.
Germain/Putnam. Passed.

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

- The state budget has not been enacted. The Senate budget restores all library funding cut in the Governor's proposal but the Assembly budget includes 40%. Advocacy is still needed to urge representatives to reject further cuts to library aid. Using the NY Libraries Essential advocacy button on the MVLS website is a simple way to make opinions known.
- MVLS received 90% of construction grant funds for the chimney and garage doors.
- The LSTA Summer Reading Program grant was approved for 2010.
- MVLS is investigating group purchasing for common supplies such as printer receipt tape.
- Audit reviews for MVLS and Joint Automation are scheduled for early May.

On behalf of the Board, Betty Cleary commended Carol for providing very impressive reports.

Barbara Germain reported for the **Director's Council**. The Council met April 8, 2010 following the MVLS workshop. Consideration of coordinating supply orders was discussed. Barbara stated the meetings provide a network for information sharing, questions, and problem solving. Not all Directors attend nor do they send representatives. She asked trustees to encourage their library directors to attend workshops and Director meetings. Cheryl Cufari asked Barbara to send an email to those who do not attend regularly. Carol noted that some directors are unable to attend due to coverage at the library or because they have other jobs.

During **Privilege of the Floor** Barbara Germain reported the very successful Johnstown Storybook Sundae fundraiser netted the library \$9,723. Betty Cleary presented newspaper clippings about the member libraries.

On behalf of Margaret Carballeira, Carol presented financial statements and Payment Schedules for March 2010. She reported funds were received for the Construction and Gates Online grants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT AND FINANCE

Statements of Financial Position:

MOTION: To accept for audit the Statements of Financial Position for March 2010. Franco/Germain. Passed.

Payment Schedules:

MOTION: To approve Payment Schedule #3 for March in the amount of \$70,932.96. Germain/Cufari. Passed.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Barbara Germain reported that the committee met April 12, 2010 at the Johnstown Public Library. They reviewed three nominations for the Trustee Award and two nominations for the Library Recognition Award. Award winners are Harold Wusterbarth of Schenectady, Trustee Award and Gloversville Public Library for their teen "Bibliomaniacs" program, Library Recognition Award. All who submitted nominations were notified and asked to resubmit next year. Barbara thanked Patty Franco and Marion Grimes who served on the committee and reported they will meet to evaluate the awards.

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT

Carol reported for René Roser. A new grounds keeping firm was hired at a lower cost than previous firm. The annual walk-about will follow the June meeting.

LIBRARY SERVICES

No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Carol reported for Margaret. The committee has nominees for all board vacancies for the annual meeting. The committee will present a slate of officers at the June meeting.

PERSONNEL

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION GRANT COMPLETION

MOTION: To certify completion of the construction of the chimney and the replacement of the garage doors. Izzo/Germain. Passed.

MVLS 2009 ANNUAL REPORT CERTIFICATION

MOTION: To certify the MVLS 2009 Annual Report to New York State. Putnam/Wildgrube. Passed.

CAPITAL DISTRICT LIBRARY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION: To appoint Carol Clingan as MVLS representative to the CDLC Board. Germain/McHale. Passed.

MVLS LOAN PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Carol proposed a loan program to enable member libraries to purchase one staff computer through the Joint Automation Project. She explained some computers were almost six years old and were no longer supportable by JA staff and some smaller libraries may lack the money to replace them. JA staff recommends replacing workstations every 3-4 years. This program will permit a library to replace a staff workstation with MVLS paying the cost by submitting a signed request from the director or board president. MVLS would purchase the equipment through the JA group order (quarterly) and the library would repay MVLS in monthly installments without interest over the next two years. The SALS board approved a similar loan plan for their member libraries.

MOTION: To accept the MVLS Loan Program Proposal.
Cardilli/Cufari. Passed.

MVLS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The MVLS Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Express, Schoharie.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: June 17, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: MVLS Service Center

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Franco, Secretary