

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

March 15, 2018  
MVLS Service Center

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jane Borrelli, Patty Franco, Katherine Hawkins, Bonnie Kerr, Barbara Madonna, Joanne Mickle, Mary Salluzzo, Keith Seeber, Eleanor Spencer, and Eric Trahan, Director.

**EXCUSED:** Anthony Gaddy, Marion Grimes, Christina Knee

**GUESTS:** Kathy Insero, Sue Rokos

President Barbara Madonna called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Jane Borelli moved, Eleanor Spencer seconded, approval of January 18, 2018 minutes as presented. All approved.

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

- A document is being produced to explain financial statements.
- The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries Annual Meeting is Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Schenectady County Public Library. Guest speaker Kim McMann will present *Communication Across Barriers*.
- The Community Library, Cobleskill received \$13,000 from 2017 Assembly Bullet Aid. Libraries and trustees are encouraged to contact their Senators and Assemblymen to benefit from any bullet aid that becomes available.
- Eric is continuing visits to Board meetings at member libraries. He is assisting libraries with Charter and Bylaw issues. Schoharie is currently working on its charter.
- The Canajoharie Library Director has resigned.

Eric reported the **Director's Council** will meet May 3, 2018.

During **Privilege of the Floor** Bonnie Kerr reported the Margaret Reaney Memorial Library will hold its Flapjacks and Fairytales event. Barbara Madonna stated the Gloversville Public Library Friends and Fulton County Chamber held an artist event featuring 35 artists. The library construction project is approximately 70% complete. Keith Seeber reported the Fort Plain Free Library Phase II project is complete. The room will be opened when the custom made circulation desk arrives. Eleanor Spencer shared program brochures from the Middleburgh Library. Eric stated the Amsterdam Free Library is getting restoration work that is uncovering hardwood floors and lighting fixtures in the children's room. Johnstown Public Library is doing its annual "Golf at Your Library" fundraiser March 25, 2018.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Eric Trahan presented the Financial Statements and Payment Schedules for January and February 2018. He noted the CLDA payment is allocated differently, the supply line is higher due to purchasing delivery bins, and libraries were paid for damaged items from the delivery accident. Some supply funds will be recouped from selling extra bins.

**Statements of Financial Position:**

**MOTION:** To accept for audit the Statements of Financial Position for January and February 2018.  
Salluzzo/Franco. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

**Payment Schedules:**

**MOTION:** To approve Payment Schedule #1 for January 2018 in the amount of \$173,253.18 and Payment Schedule #2 for February 2018 in the amount of \$94,184.13.  
Kerr/Spencer. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT AND FINANCE** No report.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Bonnie Kerr reported letters, nomination forms, and guidelines were sent to member library Presidents and Directors. Nominations are due March 30, 2018. Awards will be given out at the annual dinner meeting.

**BUILDING&/EQUIPMENT** No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee met after the January business meeting. Wade Abbott launched a new blog featuring stories from member libraries called "*Among the Shelves*". The link to the site is: <http://stories.mvls.info/>. Libraries are encouraged to send Wade stories celebrating their library's impact in their community.

**LIBRARY SERVICES** No report.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Patty Franco, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported the Committee will present a slate of officers at the June organizational meeting. Marion Grimes, Joanne Mickle, and Christina Knee are committee members. There is currently one Schenectady County vacancy. The term for Joanne Mickle of Montgomery County will expire. Joanne is eligible for re-election.

**PERSONNEL** No report.

**JOINT AUTOMATION COUNCIL**

Eric Trahan reported the Council met March 14, 2018. He stated progress has been made with patron geographic jurisdiction project.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****ANNUAL MEETING**

The MVLS annual meeting will be held **Wednesday, May 9, 2018** at the Riverstone Manor in Glenville. The cost is \$30.00. RSVP by Monday, April 30, 2018. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** To pay the cost for the Member Library Directors, one Board of Trustees member from each library and MVLS staff.  
Kerr/Salluzzo. Ayes - All. Nays - None

**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY**

Eric reported there were 10 representatives from MVLS in attendance. Meetings were held with Senators and Assembly members or staff for all four counties. Barbara Madonna reported NYLA stated Governor Cuomo cut funding by \$4 million, the Assembly restored the cut, Senate leaders restored the cut and added \$2 million. Eric encourages the continuation of sending letters and emails to help restore the budget cuts, or maybe increase the funding.

### **THE FOUNDATION FOR MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARIES**

The Foundation is currently working on two golf tournament fundraisers. The Mohawk Club Golf tournament is May 18, 2018, and the Canajoharie Golf tournament is July 30, 2018. Bonnie Kerr is contacting libraries and businesses to ask for donations for raffles.

### **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Date: April 26, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: MVLS Service Center

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Borrelli, Secretary