

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 18, 2019

Gloversville Public Library

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rosemary Barger, Patty Franco, Marion Grimes, Katherine Hawkins, Barbara Madonna, Joanne Mickle, Mary Salluzzo, Keith Seeber, Felicia Spivey and Eric Trahan Director.

EXCUSED: Jane Borrelli, Christina Knee, Eleanor Spencer

GUESTS: Kathy Insero, Sue Rokos

Vice President Keith Seeber called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He thanked Barbara Madonna and the Gloversville Public Library for inviting the Board to meet there. Barbara Madonna moved, Patty Franco seconded, approval of the March 21, 2019 minutes as presented. All approved.

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

- There has been positive development with member libraries going fine free. Northville and Amsterdam are fine free for children's items. Johnstown is 100% fine free. More libraries plan to be onboard by the end of the year. Changes are being made with the automation system. The goal is to make libraries more appealing and welcoming to their communities.
- Member library Directors will discuss E-resources.
- MVLS staff discussed the lack of participation at programs and Directors Council by member library Directors. In some cases staffing challenges are a factor.
- Sherri Kirschman, Director of Frothingham Free Library, Fonda, is retiring.

Director's Council: No report.

During **Privilege of the Floor** Katherine Hawkins and Joanne Mickle shared library news articles. Katherine Hawkins noted the Schoharie libraries are now listed in the Schoharie Directory.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eric Trahan presented the financial statements and Payment Schedules for March 2019. He noted the large volume of computer and equipment purchasing.

Statements of Financial Position:

MOTION: To accept for audit the Statements of Financial Position for March 2019. Grimes/Madonna. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

Payment Schedules:

MOTION: To approve Payment Schedule #3 for March 2019 in the amount of \$155,513.79. Salluzzo/Franco. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT AND FINANCE

No report.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Marion Grimes thanked the Committee and reported recipients have been chosen for the awards. There were three nominations for the Library Recognition Award and two nominations for the Harold & Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award. The awards will be given out at the annual dinner meeting.

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT

The building annual walkabout will follow the June business meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Katherine Hawkins will Chair the committee.

LIBRARY SERVICES

No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Patty Franco reported a slate of officers is ready for election in June. A representative is needed for Schenectady County.

PERSONNEL

No report.

JOINT AUTOMATION COUNCIL

Eric Trahan reported the Council will meet May 8, 2019 at SALS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STATE BUDGET

The state budget was approved with no increase of library funding. Public Library Construction funding was cut by \$20 million. MVLS should receive approximately \$370,000. Census funding for libraries may be unlikely as only \$20 million was allocated for the complete count activities and is to be distributed through the regional economic development councils.

Eric and Wade are working on a fall advocacy effort to meet with state representatives. MVLS and library representatives would like to have more leisurely informative meetings at district offices.

MVLS ANNUAL MEETING

The MVLS Annual Dinner Meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at the River Stone Manor in Glenville. Board members were encouraged to have library trustees and staff attend.

THE FOUNDATION FOR MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARIES

MOTION: To appoint Ed Asselin and Christine Knee of Schoharie County to (3) year terms on the Foundation Board.
Hawkins/Seeber. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

There are two fundraising golf tournaments scheduled. The Mohawk Golf Club will be Friday, May 17, 2019 and the Canajoharie Golf Club will be held in July.

Eric Trahan reported the Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Schenectady County Public Library. Library attorneys Ellen Bach and Bob Schofield will be the speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 MVLS STATE ANNUAL REPORT CERTIFICATION

MOTION: To approve the 2018 State Annual Report Assurances.
Grimes/Franco. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. to discuss a contractual matter.
Grimes/Seeber. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

MOTION: To return to the business meeting at 11:05 a.m.
Franco/Seeber. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

As a result of the Executive Session, Keith Seeber presented the following:

MOTION: To informally authorize the Executive Committee to meet and resolve the business matter.
Hawkins/Grimes. Ayes - All. Nays - None.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: June 20, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: MVLS Service Center

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Insero, Recorder