

The Foundation

For Mohawk Valley Libraries

Annual Meeting 2015

June 10, 2015

Schenectady County Public Library

Agenda

Welcome (Bill)

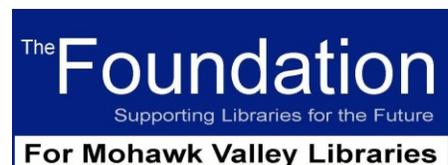
Welcome to the first Annual Meeting of the Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries. My name is Bill Leitch, and I am the current President of the Foundation Board. As most of you know, the Foundation was established in the summer of 2014 as a supporting organization for the Mohawk Valley Library System. The purpose of the Foundation is to raise money for the benefit of MVLS and its member libraries. We have had an active and successful year in setting up the policies, procedures and traditions that will allow the Foundation to accomplish that purpose.

There are three parts to this Annual Meeting: reporting on Foundation activities, conducting annual business agenda items and presenting a program to benefit library staff, supporters and trustees. We'll spend just a few minutes on the first two sections and then get right to this evening's presentation.

Reports (????)

Since 2014 was the inaugural year of the Foundation, and IRS recognition was received in December, 2014, the 2014 Annual Report contains very little hard information. The Foundation bank accounts, for example, weren't set up until March 2015, so there is little financial activity to report on for 2014. However, there is a brief written Foundation Annual Report available for your perusal. I encourage you to take it home and read through it and to contact any board member or Eric Trahan with any questions. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions after our program.

There will be a lot to report on at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 15 at the Mohawk Golf Club in Schenectady, and the board is planning another fundraiser for later this year, along with a year-end annual



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campaign. These 2015 Foundation activities will provide direct benefits to MVLS and the member libraries.

Business Meeting Agenda (Bill)

I would like to call the annual business meeting to order and will begin by introducing the current Foundation trustees. Please stand when your name is called: Jane Borrelli, Cheryl Cufari, Jon Finlan, Marion Grimes, Bonnie Kerr, Barbara Madonna (this is Barb’s last board meeting as her term is expiring and she chose not to renew for an additional term), Janet Sand and Esther Swanker. In addition, Eric Trahan is an ex-officio Foundation Board member. (Please note that since this is a Foundation Board meeting only board members may make motions and vote) I want to thank the board members for their service. To bring a new organization into being and to have it operating in just one year is a remarkable accomplishment, and I want to thank the trustees for all of their work in the last year.

1. The first item of business is to set the number of trustees for the 2015-2016 year. The board’s plan is to have 11 trustees. Can we have a motion to that effect?

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

Please note that we are in need of additional trustees from Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie counties. I encourage any of you who are from those counties to consider serving as a Foundation trustee.

2. The next item of business is to elect officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers:

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| President: | Bill Leitch |
| Vice President: | Bonnie Kerr |
| Secretary: | Jane Borrelli |
| Treasurer: | Cheryl Cufari |

Are there any other nominations? Then I would like to call a vote on the proposed slate.

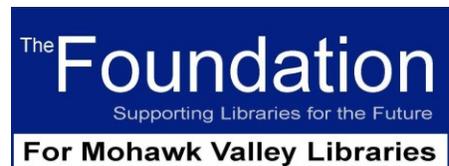
Vote:

3. We need a motion to authorize the Treasurer to sign checks and to authorize any duly elected officer to sign should the Treasurer be unavailable.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:



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4. We need to appoint our Claims Auditor for the year. Barb Madonna has been proposed and has agreed to fill that fiscal oversight role.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

5. We need to approve NBT bank as the holder of Foundation funds in the coming year. Foundation financial policy requires annual board approval of the holder of Foundation funds.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

6. A Foundation board meeting schedule for the year has been proposed and is available on the tables. This schedule needs official approval.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

7. All board members are reminded that they have received the annual Conflict of Interest disclosure form. Completed forms should be turned in to Eric before the July meeting.

8. Finally, we need a motion to adjourn the annual business meeting and to move on to our presentation.

Motion:

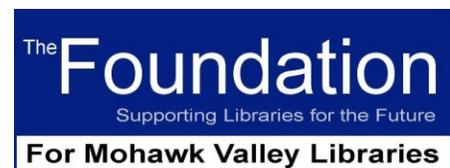
Second:

Thank you for taking part in this first Foundation Annual Meeting. Now I invite (Barbara Madonna) to introduce tonight's speaker

Speaker Introduction (Barb)

The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries was formed to help our public libraries secure sustainable funding; both through raising money for library projects and through grants to help libraries secure local public funding. Given that purpose, it is eminently appropriate that we have Rebekkah Smith Aldrich as our speaker at our first Foundation annual meeting. Rebekkah is well known in the library world as an expert on library funding and sustainability.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich is the Coordinator for Library Sustainability at the Mid-Hudson Library System and is the owner of Sustainable Libraries LLC. She is a frequent presenter at libraries



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and conferences and was named a 2010 Library Journal Mover and Shaker. We are very pleased to have her with us tonight

Welcome Rebekkah.

Conclusion & Thanks (Bill – after Rebekkah’s presentation is complete)

Are there any final questions or comments concerning the Foundation and our program tonight?

Thank you everyone for taking part in this first Foundation annual meeting. Please keep in mind that the Foundation needs your participation to be as successful as it can be. Consider helping as a Foundation trustee or committee member, and take part in Foundation fundraisers as you are able.

And don’t forget our upcoming golf tournament – June 15 at the Mohawk Golf Club. We are still accepting players!