

**The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries
Board of Trustees Meeting March 13, 2015**

Minutes

The March 13, 2015 meeting of the Board of the Foundation for MVLS Libraries was called to order by President William Leitch at 1:30 pm. The following individuals were present: Jane Borrelli, Janet Sand, Esther Swanker, Barbara Madonna, Cheryl Cufari, Marian Grimes and Eric Trahan.

Minutes

Esther Swanker made a motion to approve the December 19, 2014 minutes. Ayes: all; Nays: none; Abstentions: none.

Note: The February meeting did not have a quorum so there were no official minutes taken, just notes.

Financial Report

Eric Trahan shared the Foundation's financial reports. The Foundation now has its own account with NBT and will be transactions will occur in the Foundation's name going forward instead of MVLS'. Esther Swanker make a motion to accept the financial reports. Janet Sands seconded. Ayes: all; Nays: none; Abstentions: none.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – no meeting, no report

Nominating Committee – no report

Finance Committee – Eric Trahan reiterated the Financial Report above.

Development & Community Relations Committee –

1. 2015 Golf Tournament: Solicitation of sponsors is going well. A flyer about the event with a form for sponsors has been developed. The hole-in-one sponsor opportunity is still open. The push for golfer sign ups have not started yet. Want a minimum of 72 golfers or 18 foursomes. Can have up to 144 golfers or 36 foursomes. Golfers will be expected to pay in advance, not at the door. This is rain or shine. Only lightning cancels the tournament. Next committee meeting will be 3/20 at the club.
2. Grants & Prospects: no report
3. Contributions: Eric reviewed donations to date, \$7,500.

Ad Hoc Policy Committee – The amendment to the By-laws to use a range instead of fixed number for the number of board seats was reviewed. This includes language to determine the

number of MVLS board appointed seats versus the number elected by the member libraries. Now the MVLS board needs to approve the change. It will be presented to them at their April 2015 meeting.

Old/Unfinished Business – The Foundation will need to complete a 990 with the IRS for 2014. There is nothing to report, but it needs to be filed anyway.

New Business –

The annual meeting will be on June 10 around 5:30-6ish. Location TBA. The format will be a cocktail party with a workshop like speaker. This will help fulfill the Foundation's education component. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Sustainability, will speak about library sustainability. This is open to member library staff, trustees, Friends and volunteers. The Foundation will underwrite the cost.

The board held a discussion about future fundraisers. The golf tournament will be a great spring/early summer signature event. Now we need one for the fall/early winter. Both a gala and a scrabble tournament were discussed. Sarah Beekman works on a scrabble tournament held by Schoharie County Literacy Volunteers in the spring. Eric will reach out to Sarah for information. A fall event would not impact their event. It could include a book raffle, baskets, table sponsors, etc.

More volunteers are needed as trustees and committees.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 10 at 1:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Madonna, Secretary