

The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries
Board of Trustees Meeting

April 12, 2019

Trustees present: Ed Asselin, Cheryl Cufari, Christina Knee, Eric Trahan, William Leitch,
Trustees excused: Jane Borrelli, Marion Grimes, Carlton Shepard

Board President Ed Asselin called the meeting to order at 1:30.

Upon motion by Cheryl Cufari, seconded by Ed Asselin, Eric Trahan was appointed secretary pro-tem.
Ayes: all; Nays: none.

Upon motion by Cheryl Cufari, seconded by Bill Leitch, the minutes of the February 15, 2019 meeting were approved. Ayes: all; Nays: none.

Upon motion by Eric Trahan, seconded by Cheryl Cufari, the financial reports for February and March 2019 were approved. Ayes: all; Nays: none.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Cheryl reported. Bonnie Kerr will not be returning to the Foundation board. Eric will work on getting a representative from Montgomery County. Three trustee seats are set to expire on June 30, 2019: Ed Asselin, Christina Knee and Carlton Shepard. Ed and Christina will be re-appointed by the MVLS Board at the April 18 MVLS board meeting.

Old Business

The Board voted to amend the **Foundation by-laws** to enable trustees who move and/or accept employment beyond the represented four county area to remain on the Board. The following text was added to Article I, section 1.d.

Trustees do not cease to be trustees if their residence or employment changes while they are serving as a trustee. Such trustees may remain eligible for reelection to subsequent terms should the board so determine.

The MVLS Board of Trustees had previously approved of this bylaws amendment.

New Business

Mohawk Golf Tournament: The agreement with the Mohawk Golf Club is finalized at last year's rates. Sponsorships are coming in and teams are beginning to register. Cheryl Cufari is coordinating the silent auction and volunteers

Canajoharie Tournament: The tournament date is set for Monday, July 29, 2019 with an a.m. start.

Foundation Annual Meeting: The Annual Business meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 19 at the McChesney Room of the Schenectady County Public Library. The Nominating Committee will propose a slate of officers for the 2019 – 2020 year, and other annual appointments will be made. At

6:00 Ellen Bach and Bob Schofield of Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna will present a talk and Q&A session on legal issues for libraries. Trustees and staff from MVLS member libraries and other area libraries will be invited. Cheryl Cufari will coordinate refreshments.

Fundraising Ideas: Various potential additional fundraising initiatives were discussed. Cheryl Cufari will look into additional restaurant fundraisers, and Christina Knee will explore a possible wine tasting event.

Next Meeting: The Foundation Board will meet Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:30 in the McChesney Room of the Schenectady County Public Library, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Trahan, secretary pro-tem