

**The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries**

**MVLS Service Center**

**November 18, 2022, 1:30PM**

**Minutes**

Board President Carl Shepard called the meeting to order at 1:30pm

**Trustees Present:** April Davies, Bill Leitch, Doug McFadden, Sally Rappa, Carl Shepard and Eric Trahan

**Trustees Absent:** Paul O'Brien

A motion made by Bill and seconded by Doug to receive the September 2022 minutes as written.

Ayes: all; Nays: none; Abstentions: none

Eric pointed out that the financial reports did not reflect expenses still outstanding.

- The VanPaten was paid by credit card; the actual expense didn't hit the Foundation books until November.
- The Canajoharie tournament golf and food fees have not been billed, even though numerous emails have been sent to John and Jessica.
- The on-going Annual Appeal campaign income is happening in November.

After reviewing the financial reports for September 2022 and October 2022, a motion was made by Eric and seconded by April to accept the financial reports.

Ayes: all Nays: none Abstentions: none

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** no reports

**Nominating Committee:** The Foundation is still has two openings to fill; one from Fulton and the other from Schoharie county.

- Eric had a definite no from Barbara Madonna on joining the Foundation board.
- Eric suggests asking Jane Borrelli, whose term is up with the MVLS board, but still would like to be involved.
- Doug said he would ask retired educator Dave Floyd.
- April said she would ask some of her friends at SUNY Cobleskill.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

Eric reports that he has sent emails to John at Canajoharie to reserve either July 24<sup>th</sup> or July 31<sup>st</sup>. After a brief discussion July 24<sup>th</sup> is decided upon. Eric also suggests maybe changing the date from Monday to Friday to recruit more golfers if John has any available dates.

- The Cobleskill course was discussed as a possible site for the later tournament, but someone will need to contact the golf pro sometime in the future.
- Even though Stadium did not respond last year, Doug said he would check with them.

**Annual Appeal/Stay at Home and Read and Giving Tuesday:**

- To date the annual appeal has had thirty contributors giving a total of \$3,100.00. A reminder will be sent out to ones who have yet to respond to the first mailing.
- Giving Tuesday is on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

2023 budget: The budget shows no change from 2022.

A motion was made by Eric and seconded by April to accept and approve the 2023 budget

Ayes: all    Nay: none    Abstentions: none

Winter Advocacy Grants: Up to \$2,500.00 is available for libraries to increase their budget by educating their voters on why the library is a good place to invest in.

Carl called the meeting closed at 2:10pm.

The next meeting will be held February 10, 2023 @1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Rappa

2022-2023 Secretary