

The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries

MVLS Service Center

February 10, 2023 @1:30PM

Minutes

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

Trustees Absent: all present

Board president Carl Shepard called the meeting to order at 1:37PM.

A motion was made by April and seconded by Eric to receive the November 2022 minutes as written.

Ayes: all; Nays: none; Abstentions: none

After reviewing the financial reports for November 2022 and December 2022 a motion was made by Eric and seconded by Paul to accept the financial reports.

Ayes: all; Nays: none; Abstentions: none

- Eric reports that the bill from the Canajoharie Golf Club was received and paid in January.
- Eric reports that the net profit for the year-end is more, because fewer libraries applied for grants

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: no reports

Nominating Committee: Two open seats one from Fulton and the other from either Fulton or Schoharie counties.

- Eric said he is waiting a few months for Jane Borrelli to enjoy retirement before asking her to be on the Board.
- Joanne Mickle from the MVLS Board said that she would contact people that she knows in Fulton County.
- Doug reports that Dave Floyd said no to joining the Board.
- April reports that her college colleagues said no to joining the Board.

Old Unfinished Business:

Annual appeal: Eric reports that there were fifty-seven contributors giving \$5,185.00. He said that this was the best year of giving in quite a while.

- Eric hands out a poster and bookmark for Library Giving Day, happening on April 4, 2023. A mailing will be sent out to existing donors, e-mails and social media.

New Business:

Advocacy grant: There were four libraries who applied for the Advocacy Grant; Canajoharie, Cobleskill, Gloversville and Schoharie. The Grants are for community engagement and budget vote campaigns.

- Eric makes a motion to award \$7,500.00 for the Advocacy Grants and seconded by Sally.

Ayes: all; Nays: none; Abstentions: none

Summer Reading grant: Eric proposes to provide \$300.00 for each member library/branch to enable them to get programs be it music, animals or insects, etc.

- Eric makes a motion to award up to \$6,000.00 for the Summer Reading Grant and is seconded by April.

Ayes: all; Nays: none; Abstentions: none

Golf Tournament:

- Canajoharie's dates could be Monday July 24th, Friday 28th or Monday July 31st. Eric will be in touch with Pro John Liu on confirming one of these dates, either for a Monday or a Friday.
- Doug questions whether to have the second tournament.
- Doug said he would get in touch with Cobleskill, Mohawk River and Stadium for possible venues for the second tournament.
- There will be a mailing for the Canajoharie Tournament on April 14, 2023; and by then will have a definite time and date.

A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Doug to end the meeting at 2:09PM.

The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2023 @1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Rappa

2022-2023 Secretary