

**The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries
MVLS Service Center
November 17, 2023 @1:30pm
Minutes**

Trustees Present: April Davies, William Leitch, Paul O'Brien, Sally Rappa and Eric Trahan

Trustees Absent: Doug McFadden

Trustees Virtual: Carl Shepard

The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries board meeting was called to order by Board President Carl Shepard @1:30pm.

After reviewing the September 2023 minutes, a motion was made by Paul and seconded by Bill to accept the minutes as amended (Paul O'Brien's name).

Ayes: all Nays: none Abstentions: none

After reviewing the financial reports for September 2023 and October 2023 a motion was made by Eric and seconded by April to accept the financial reports.

Ayes: all Nays: none Abstentions: none

Executive Committee: No report

Nominating Committee: No Report.

Old Unfinished Business:

Annual Appeal: Eric reports as of today, November 17, 2023, there have been twenty-four contributions total a little over \$2,100.00. Carl asks what the target amount is. Eric tells him, \$5,000.00.

New Business:

Winter Advocacy Grants: Eric reports that up to \$7,500.00 will be available for libraries who apply in early December. The applications are due at the end of December.

Golf Tournaments:

A short discussion on where and when to have one or two tournaments in 2024.

- Eric suggests having the first tournament in early July and the second in mid to late August.
- Canajoharie will be the first tournament and Eric says that he will get in touch with John Liu setting up the date.
- Cobleskill will be the second tournament. Carl suggests getting in touch with Schoharie Chamber President, Georgia VanDyke about sponsoring advertising in the Times Journal.
- Paul questions whether the distance would affect the number of participating golfers. Carl says that over half of the golfers participating are from the Capital District
- Eric says that he will do the preliminaries for both tournaments.

Stay-at-Home and Read:

A short discussion on when to have it either in November or February.

- Eric says the last time it was done in November, and he feels that it was too close to the annual appeal.
- He suggests having it sometime in February. He says that contacts will be through social media, emails and previous donors.
- It was mentioned that “Library Giving Day” is sometime in April.

Budget 2024:

- Eric reports that the total amount of grants given to member libraries in 2023 was \$21,000.00.
- Eric suggests keeping the 2024 budget the same as 2023 with no changes.

Eric moves to keep the budget for 2024 the same as 2023, and is seconded by Carl.

Ayes: all Nays: none Abstentions: none

President Carl adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.

Next meeting February 9, 2024 @1:30pm

Respectfully submitted.

Sally Rappa, Secretary 2023/2024