

**The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries**  
**MVLS Service Center**  
**September 8, 2023 @1:30pm**  
**Minutes**

**Trustees Present:** April Davies, Bill Leitch, Doug McFadden, Paul O'Brien, Sally Rappa and Eric Trahan

**Trustees Absent:** Carl Shepard

The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries board meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Doug McFadden at 1:41pm.

After reviewing the July 2023 minutes, a motion was made by Eric and seconded by Doug to accept the minutes as written.

Ayes: all    Nays: none    Abstentions: none

After reviewing the financial reports for July 2023 and August 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:**

Canajoharie Tournament: The bill for the tournament has been paid but the restaurant has not.

Cobleskill Tournament:

- Eric reports the Tournament may reach \$3,000.00.
- The Tournament may possibly have twenty golfers. Doug and April will contact their golfer friends about participating.
- Eric has been in contact with Rivers Casino. They will give a donation, are unable to play due to conflicting events.
- The Cobleskill Library Board gave \$750.00. April will contact Director, Kimberly Zimmer about having their Trustees play golf.
- A short discussion in maybe having only one tournament instead of two a year.

Dream and Do Grants:

- Eric reports that eleven (11) libraries have applied. Each library will receive \$400.00, while Schenectady, \$800.00. The total amount is \$5,200.00.

Eric makes a motion and seconded by Paul to pay \$5,200.00 to libraries for the Dream and Do Grants

Ayes: all    Nays: none    Abstentions: none

New Business:

Annual Appeal: Letter stuffing will be on Friday, October 27, 2023 @1:30pm.

- Eric reports that the Foundation will not be doing the Stay at Home and Read, instead a reminder will be sent out on Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023, to anyone who has not responded to the Annual Appeal and others who have given in the past.

Vice-President, Doug McFadden adjourned the meeting at 2:03pm.

Next meeting November 11, 2023 @1:30pm

Respectfully submitted  
Sally Rappa, Secretary 2023/2024