

MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM
VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

May 27, 2020

MVLS Trustees: Rosemary Barger, Jane Borrelli, Katherine Hawkins, Barbara Madonna, Joanne Mickle, Mary Salluzzo, Eleanor Spencer, Felicia Spivey

MVLS Staff: Wade Abbott, Kathy Insero, Sharon O'Brien, Sally Rappa, Sue Rokos, Eric Trahan

Library Trustees, Library Directors and Staff, and Friends

Fulton County

Gloversville Linda Conrad, Craig Clark, Nicole Hauser, Barbara Madonna
Johnstown Erica Wing, Mary Salluzzo
Northville Jane Borrelli, Michael Burnett

Montgomery County

Amsterdam Rosemary Barger, Nicole Hemsley
Canajoharie Kaitlyn Forbes
Fort Hunter Judi Steiger
Fort Plain Whitney Hubbard
Fonda Shannon Aldi-Hogan

Schenectady County Karen Bradley, Cheryl Cufari, Bill Levering, Felicia Spivey

Schoharie County

Cobleskill Kim Zimmer
Middleburgh Terry Pavoldi
Schoharie Cathy Caiazzo, Deb Paden
Sharon Springs Patsy Nicosia, Helen Thomas

The sixty-first annual meeting of the Mohawk Valley Library System was held virtually due to the Corona Virus pandemic.

Eric Trahan, Executive Director, welcomed all to a most unusual annual meeting. He noted the 2019 Annual Report which highlights the activities of the past year, information on library leadership, statistics from each of the member libraries and the MVLS Treasurer's Report. An online version is posted on the MVLS website.

Libraries were congratulated for doing a great job serving their communities through the pandemic. Libraries provided e-resources, information postings, resources, family information, online classes, programs, events, and take-away activity projects for crafting.

Business Meeting:

President Barbara Madonna called the annual meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She welcomed attendees. Barbara introduced Joanne Mickle to report for the Nominating Committee. Due to technical problems, Eric Trahan reported. He stated there was vacancies in Fulton (1), Montgomery (2), Schenectady County (2), Schoharie (1), and Directors Council representation. Eric recognized and thanked Patty Franco (15 years), Marion Grimes, (25 years), Barbara Madonna, (10 years) and Keith Seeber (6 Years) for their service and longevity of association with the Mohawk Valley Library System.

Barbara presented the following:

MOTION: To elect Deb Escobar and Felicia Spivey to represent Schenectady County, and Christina Knee to represent Schoharie County, effective June 18, 2020 for five-year terms on the MVLS board of trustees. Helen Thomas was selected by the Directors Council to be their representative beginning June 18, 2020 for a five-year term.

Barbara asked for nominations from the floor.

Barbara stated the minutes will reflect a single ballot for the slate.

Staff Recognition:

Lois Gordon was recognized for her retirement and 23 years of service. She worked diligently with the NYSCA programs, Public Library Construction Grants, and other outreach programs.

Awards Presentation:

Eric Trahan recognized Joanne Mickle, Chair of the Awards Committee, to introduce the annual MVLS Awards. Joanne thanked Committee members and those who submitted nominations.

Joanne announced Regina Gilbert of the Sharon Springs Free Library was awarded the 2020 Harold and Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award. Helen Thomas, Director of the Sharon Springs Free Library thanked MVLS for the award. She stated Regina comes to the library every Monday to do whatever needs to be done. Joanne Mickle noted she changed the Treasurers life with her administrative excellence. The library is awarded \$200 in her honor, and Regina will receive a framed certificate.

Joanne announced the 2020 Library Recognition Award was awarded to the Gloversville Public Library for its *Local Inspirations – A View Through Local Eyes Art Show* program. Joanne stated the library worked with the Commerce Department for an outreach project outside of the library during its renovation. Artists were given great exposure at a reception of over 250 attendees. Craig Clark, President, Gloversville Public Library, thanked MVLS and stated the staff and artists did a fantastic job. The library is awarded \$500 and a framed certificate.

Eric Trahan congratulated the 2020 award winners on behalf of the MVLS Board of Trustees.

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Eric spoke of a timeline for libraries to reopen from the Covid 19 shutdown. Groups have been meeting to discuss library missions and how to best serve their communities.

Karen Bradley extended a special thank you to Barbara Madonna for serving on the MVLS Board and her leadership as liaison to the Directors Council. Barbara also retired as Director of the Gloversville Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Insero, Recorder