

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting

May 7, 2014

Cairo Public Library

Trustees Present:

X Caroline Profera Benton (Greene)	X Roland Patterson (Dutchess)
X John Bickford (Dutchess)	X Lynne Ridgeway (Ulster)
X Lisa Baker Brill (Greene)	David Rolfe (Ulster)
Bill Conine, (Greene)	Myrna Sameth (Ulster)
X John Dax (Columbia)	X Janet Schnitzer (Columbia)
X Stephen Mac Nish (Dutchess)	X Camilla von Bergen, Camilla (Putnam)
X Michele Ment (Putnam)	X Mark Wilson (Columbia)
X Regina Morini (Putnam)	

Staff Present: Merribeth Advocate, Robert Drake, Eric McCarthy, Tom Sloan, Linda Vittone, and Peggy Winn.

Liaisons Present: Frank Rees (Saugerties)

Others Present: Debra Kamecke, Director, Cairo Public Library; Dolores Chirmato and Sidonia Palace, Hunter Library Trustees; Audry Matott, The Daily Mail Newspaper.

Presidents Report:

President Patterson announced that Bill Connie (Greene) resigned from the Board and that John Dax (Columbia) has agreed to assume Connie's position as Chair of the Audit Committee. Mr. Patterson called for a motion to amend the Agenda to add "Board Resolution" under New Business. Motion carried.

Action Items:

- Minutes of March 2014 meeting approved.
- Financial Reports for February and March received.
- Warrant for March received.
- Bylaws amendments approved.
- Audit timeline RFP approved.
- Election procedures approved.
- Annual Report accepted.
- Executive Director's Evaluation Process and Timeline approved.

Discussion Items:

- Executive Director Sloan reviewed and explained the five components of the "Moving Forward Project and reported that Integrated Library Services has been assessed. The Board thanked Mr. Sloan for his efforts and emphasized the value of program based assessments.
- Discussed Bylaws amendments.
- Discussed Election Procedures.

Board Resolution:

- The Board recognized the outstanding contributions to the System made by Eric McCarthy: *THAT THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM EXTENDS ITS GRATITUDE AND COMMENDATION TO ERIC MCCARTHY FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO LIBRARIES.*

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 10:00a.m., MHLS Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees (Saugerties)