

**Northville Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
May 16, 2023 Minutes**

**Present:** Michael Burnett (Director), Stella Williams, Cheryl Miller, John Knapp, Beth Junquera, Mike Feldman, Shirl Doherty, Cristen Shepard, Richard Cole

Stella Williams(President) called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the April meeting were approved. (Feldman, Knapp)

**Treasurer's Report:** The April Report was approved unanimously. (Knapp, Williams)

Miller made a motion for expenditures to be paid, seconded by Shepard, with all voting Aye.

**Director's Report:** Mr. Burnett provided attendance and circulation stats for April. The new MVLS website is in operation as of April 11, 2023. There is discussion within MVLS about blocking patrons when books are lost. A dollar amount threshold for replacement of the lost items needs to be established. A question was raised concerning the use of the Libby app for the blocked account. Discussions will continue. Congratulations were offered as Mr. Burnett announced that he had been chosen by State Senator Chu to be the 2023 NYS Outstanding Librarian for our Mohawk Valley region.  
Director's Report was unanimously approved. (Feldman, Knapp)

**Old Business:** Mr. Burnett asked about filling Jamie Philo's vacated seat. Feldman suggested the position should remain empty. The bylaws were consulted and will have to be revised to make a permanent change in the number of Trustees required. This generated discussion that the Bylaws be reviewed and revised as needed when the new Director is in place.

**New Business:** The need for a security system has been considered for some time. Discussion of an interior and exterior package, battery or hard-wire power and which brand would be best was expressed. Researched information will be presented at the next meeting. The slate of Board officers for 23-24 will be established by a vote in June with the present officers having agreed to another term. Mr. Burnett presented Stella Williams with the NPL Volunteer of the Year award. In her many years of volunteer work, she has consistently found grant money for the library and the board is grateful.

**Search Committee:** Meeting to follow.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 20th, 6:30 pm

**Adjourned:** 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted, Beth Junquera(secretary)