Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of The Gloversville Public Library
June 27, 2005

The Organizational meeting of the Gloversville Public Library was held on June 27, 2005 at 4:30 P.M. in the Library building at 58 E. Fulton Street, Gloversville, New York.

The following, having been elected by the voters of the Gloversville Enlarged School District, were in attendance: Edward Green, David Fisher, Michael Ponticello, Jay Ephraim, Christine Pesses, Patricia Kloheck and David Heacock. Michael Frank and Jim Farrell also attended the meeting.

Mr. Frank, a notary public, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected trustees.

The trustees drew the following terms of office:

Patricia Kloheck – 1 Year
Christine Pesses – 2 Years
Edward Green – 3 Years
Michael Ponticello – 4 Years
Jay Ephraim – 4 Years
David Heacock – 5 Years
David Fisher – 5 Years

The following trustees were nominated and declined the nomination for President of the Board of Trustees: Ephraim, Heacock, Fisher and Ponticello. Mr. Heacock nominated Mrs. Pesses for President. Mr. Ponticello seconded this nomination. This was approved with 5 Yes votes, 1 No vote (Mr. Green) and 1 Abstention (Mrs. Pesses).

Mr. Green nominated Mr. Ephraim for Vice President. This was seconded by Mrs. Kloheck. Mr. Heacock nominated Mr. Fisher for Vice President. This was seconded by Mr. Ponticello. The following were the results of the vote: Mr. Fisher 4, Mr. Ephraim 2 and one Abstention. Mr. Fisher was named Vice President.

Mr. Farrell, consultant to the Board, discussed the papers that would need to be completed to obtain a Charter for the new library and membership to the University of the State of New York. In addition to the Charter application, a petition to the Board of Regents and a resolution to send same petition to the Board of Regents needs to be completed. Mr. Farrell passed these around to the Trustees for their review and signatures all of which were notarized by notary Frank. Mr. Farrell informed the Board that he would attempt to get this into the meeting of the Board of Regents on July 20th or 21st for their approval.

Mr. Green made a motion that the Trustees of the Board of Gloversville Public Library instruct the current Board of the Gloversville Free Library not to transfer the assets of the endowment fund to the Gloversville Library Foundation, Inc. Hearing no second to this motion, Mr. Green announced that he was resigning from the Board of
Trustees of the Gloversville Public Library, stating that he was “not able to do the job he was elected to do”. At this point, Mr. Green left the meeting.

Mr. Farrell informed the Trustees that they should contact Joe Matti, Regional Consultant (486-4885), for help with obtaining our Registration number with the State Education Department and with help in adopting all paperwork from the prior library organization after the Charter is in place.

Mrs. Klohck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ponticello, to provisionally adopt the By laws and Policy Manual of the Gloversville Free Library, subject to review to be voted on at the next regular meeting of the Board. This was approved all voting aye.

Mr. Farrell suggested that MVLS be asked to review the By laws and Policy Manual and to give the Board their suggestions on changes they felt necessary.

Mr. Farrell informed the Trustees that they would need to establish a Policy Committee in addition to the other Committees named in the By laws. This could be combined with the Personnel Committee if the Board feels this is appropriate.

President Pesses discussed possible dates and times for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Board agreed to meet on the Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. for the months of September through June. The next meeting, a special meeting, was set for August 10, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. Meetings will be held on the first floor of the Library Building in the Reading Room.

Mr. Farrell suggested that possibly MVLS should retain counsel for their member libraries and pro rate the yearly retainer. The Trustees felt this was worth checking on with MVLS.

Mr. Heacock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Klohck, to appoint Mr. Frank as Treasurer of the Gloversville Public Library and to grant him permission to execute the necessary paperwork to set up the bank accounts needed to conduct the business of the Library. This was approved all voting aye. Compensation will be determined at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Mrs. Klohck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heacock to make City National Bank and Trust Company the bank of record for the Library. This was approved all voting aye.

Mrs. Klohck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heacock, to make the Leader Herald Newspaper the newspaper of notice for the Library. This was approved all voting aye.

Mrs. Klohck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ephraim, to make the Hathaway Agency, Inc. the insurance agency of record for the Library. This was approved all voting aye.
Mr. Farrell informed the Trustees that after the Charter is received the Library will need to apply for certification as a 501 C 3 not for profit with the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Heacock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. This was approved all voting aye.

Michael J. Frank
Acting Secretary