

Friends of the Minisink Valley Public Initiative Inc

Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2021

Individuals Present: Grace Riario, RCLS; Sue Shapiro, Greenville; Kelsey Deutsch, Brooklyn; Ann Friedle, Mt. Hope; Ruth Luis; Joanna Goldfarb, RCLS; Lorraine Fitzgerald, Michele Stoveken

Review and Discussion about Referendum Historical Documents, documents were scanned and sent to Friends for review prior to the meeting.

- a. Past contract between RCLS and MVCSD
- b. Newspaper clippings following previous referendum attempt
- c. Letter from the different organization involved in the process

Documents to be distributed to Town supervisors at the meeting:

- a. Budget (previously provided)
- b. School District vs Special District Library (previously provided)
- c. What towns services receive with current vouchers and what they do not receive (new)
- d. Benefits of a public library (previously provided)

After the referendum passes, immediate steps discussed were

- a. Port Jervis cardholders will have the library card transferred to the Minisink Valley Public Library. New Library Card will be mailed to their residence.
- b. Surrounding libraries will be set up to sign up Minisink Valley residents with library card.
- c. Friends will attend community events with a mobile library to sign residents up
- d. Programs and events for residents will be scheduled throughout the towns until the library building can open

Website update:

- a. List current Friends board
- b. List who will run for library board

MVP Library Plan of Service

- a. Schedule community focus groups in Fall 2021
- b. What type of services and programs would community members like to the MVPL to offer?
- c. Committee members will work on scheduling community groups meetings in community centers and other organizations every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Starting September 22-November 17 (not October 27 or November 3)
- d. Ask local legislators to share information on their social media platforms

Community Events - August 1 event schedule

8:00 am- 7:00 pm in Greenville

Sign up list will be sent out to the committee

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for July 26, 2021, at 6:00 pm