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MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOLDS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

THREE TRUSTEES TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mount Vernon, New York -

A filled Community Room greeted the Mount Vernon Public Library's Board of Trustees as they held their annual re-organizational meeting on July 18, 2018. In addition to the agenda which included the swearing in of new trustees and the election of officers for the 2018-2019 year, the Board presented awards and congratulatory remarks to several individuals.

As a result of the election held this past May, three trustees – Oscar Davis Jr., Judy Williams-Davis (no relation) and Malcolm I. Clark and were sworn in by Mount Vernon City Court Judge Nichelle Johnson.

Following the swearing in, the Board held election of officers for the coming year.

- . Trustee Oscar Davis Jr. was reelected to a third term as president of the Board
- . Trustee Cathlin Gleason-Boncardo is vice president
- . Trustee Judy Williams-Davis is secretary

Trustee Oscar Davis Jr., a Mount Vernon native who was first elected in 2014 by an overwhelming majority, has previously served as the Board president for two terms. Currently employed by the Mount Vernon City School District, he is the Chief Engineer in the Technology Department. During his previous tenure, he built a relationship with ArtsWestchester and spearheaded the new artwork in front of the library's Second Avenue entrance, worked with the US Postal Service to facilitate passport processing at the library, instituted new technology

to help change the way the library does business, improved the physical appearance of the library facility and increased library card enrollment by partnering with the Mount Vernon City School District. Because of his efforts, the Mount Vernon Public Library has once again been named the Central Library of Westchester County by the Westchester Library System.

Trustee Judy Williams-Davis has participated in community service work in the City of Mount Vernon for more than thirty years. She has worked with youth, seniors and business owners. In a how-to program, "How to Do Business with the City", small business owners, minority and disadvantaged individuals learned the process of being qualified to receive government contracts. Trustee Williams-Davis has also worked diligently in Mount Vernon city government spearheading the Arts on Third Festival, a legendary happening for many years. She is a trustee at Wartburg, president of Mount Vernon Arts & Culture Inc. and an adjunct professor.

Trustee Malcolm I. Clark, a Mount Vernon native, was raised in Levister Towers. He attended Mount Vernon schools and in his senior year started a career in government working for County Legislator Lyndon Williams. After graduating from John Jay College with a bachelor's degree in political science, Trustee Clark joined former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker at the Volcker Alliance. He has also served under former City Comptroller Maureen Walker in the Department of Finance. In 2016, Trustee Clark joined the current city administration where he led several key initiatives. In his spare time, Clark helps organize community events, works on the My Brother's Keep Initiative and volunteers on clean-up projects.

Special homage was paid to those former trustees who were the first elected trustees of the Mount Vernon Public Library. A presentation was made to Oscar Davis Jr., Brian Johnson, Esq. and Rev. Dr. Darren Morton thanking them for their service. A posthumous award was presented to the mother of a former trustee, the late Linda Bryant.

An evening of accolades and presentations continued as Ms. Joanne Mongelli, Deputy Director, Program and Policy ArtsWestchester was called to the podium. Ms. Mongelli was applauded for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Mount Vernon Public Library and her guidance and foresight in making dreams come true. The wonderful art installation outside the Second Avenue side of the library is but one of the results of her efforts on the library's behalf.

Certificates of achievement were presented to Mount Vernon Public Library staff who are 2018 graduates from high school or college. Recipients included: Kojo Gordon - SUNY Purchase, Doris Hackett - Clarion University, Jade Hackett - SUNY Purchase, Ja-zhyoun Laing - Lehman College, Bre'Anna McQueen - Mount Vernon High School, Dezhaun Morgan - Thornton High School and Justin Scott - Mount Vernon High School.

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