

Minutes of the
Rappahannock County Library Board of Trustees'
Meeting on April 27, 2023

1. *Call to Order*

Victoria Fortuna called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. *Confirmation of Quorum*

Library Board Members Present: Victoria Fortuna, Judy DeSarno, Maureen Harris, Randi Shumate, Debbie Knick, Bonnie Jewell, John Beardsley, Patti Peterson.

Absent: Kit Johnston

Staff present: Amanda Weakley, Library Director.

Members of the Public present: Ruth Welch, FOL

3. *Approval of the Agenda*

John moved to approve the agenda. Randi seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

4. *Disposition of the Minutes*

Maureen moved to approve minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting. Judy seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

5. *Public Comment*

Ruth reported that FOL had created T shirts for staff and FOL board members, and that the seed swap event on March 25 had drawn 80 people, including 27 children. She announced a forthcoming tea for seniors on May 1, and reminded board members to remember the library during the May 9 "Give Local Piedmont" event.

6. *Report of the President*

Victoria reported that Bill Dietel was resigning as chair of the Library Support Foundation. Lynn Dolnick is the new chair. She and Victoria agreed that the foundation should be maintained in operation, as it will be a useful vehicle in future for fundraising purposes.

7. Report of the Librarian

Amanda reported on the past and upcoming meetings, trainings, and continuing education, including the Virginia Public Library Directors Association Meeting in Staunton, VA - March 30-31, 2023, where she said there was salient discussion among her peers about book banning efforts and relationships with school boards. She announced an upcoming meeting with FOL on May 4, 2023; and Region 6 Library Directors Meeting on May 19, 2023. She confirmed the success of the Seed Swap event with the Garden Club and FOL, and announced a forthcoming painting class for seniors on April 12, 2023, with maximum attendees and a waiting list. Other forthcoming events include Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Event with Headwaters and CCLC at CCLC on May 20, 2023 at 11:00am.

8. Report of the Treasurer

Debbie provided copies of her report dated April 27, 2023.

9. Committee Reports

Personnel: No report

Expansion: John reported that the expansion committee met on April 3, 2023. Much of the meeting was devoted to pacing out the proposed expansion on the front of the building. The committee continued to express reservations about the size, location, and cost of the expansion, especially given the county's current fiscal constraints and the ambitious fundraising the proposed expansion would require. The committee agreed to recommend to the board that the "second opinions" suggested by the architect be pursued. John was also asked to brief Garrey, which he did on March 12. He reported to the board that Garrey reiterated his suggestion of a more modest addition to the west side; he said it was unlikely that the BOS would agree to make a capital investment in the project; he thought the BOS would have maintenance and operation cost concerns regardless of the size of the addition; and he thought a fundraising target of 6 million was a big lift for a small community. Bonnie also reported meeting with Garrey, who suggested not going to the BOS as a whole until the "must haves" of the project are resolved. Amanda said the "must haves" included larger meeting space for library and community programs; additional children space, and a teen space.

The board agreed to the suggestion that the committee reach out for additional opinions from other architects and landscape architects. Victoria moved that up to \$2,500 be

made available to pay for this expertise, if necessary. Judy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Buildings and Grounds: Bonnie reported receiving a quote for installation of new LED lights throughout the library, necessitated by the fact the existing fluorescent fixtures were buzzing, pulsing, and emitting uneven light. The quote was 9,400 for removal and replacement.

Finance: No additional report

Policy: Maureen Harris presented a draft policy on selection and withdrawal of materials from the library collection, developed in consultation with Amanda. After discussion, John moved that the policies be accepted as written, Victoria seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

10. *Old Business*

Bonnie reported that the 2023-24 library budget was adopted by the BOS as written; county funding represents 64% of the library budget.

11. *New Business*

None

12. *Open discussion*

None

13. *Adjournment*

Judy moved that the meeting be adjourned, Patti seconded and the motion passed unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by John Beardsley, Secretary

Signed _____ Dated _____
President