

Minutes of the
Rappahannock County Library Board of Trustees'
Meeting on September 28, 2023

1. *Call to Order*

Victoria Fortuna called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

2. *Confirmation of Quorum*

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

Absent: Judy DeSarno, Amanda Weakley

Members of the Public present: Bill Nenninger, Friends of the Library (FOL)

3. *Approval of the Agenda*

Maureen moved to approve the agenda. Bonnie seconded and the motion was approved.

4. *Disposition of the Minutes*

John moved to approve minutes from the August 24, 2023 meeting. Randi seconded and the motion was approved.

5. *Public Comment*

Bill reported that FOL hosted its annual meeting on September 7. They have provided the library with landscaping support over the years and are looking for people to continue this work. They will be observing the Book Barn anniversary on October 14 with a book sale. The artist forum planned for October 2 has been postponed.

6. *Report of the President*

Victoria reported that because the required IRS forms were not filed, the Library Support Foundation is no longer registered as a 501c3. We can either apply to have it reestablished or establish a new support group. Patti asked if this might be a moment to rethink the relationship between the board and FOL and wondered if FOL might reregister or create the

new group. Victoria also reported that she had been approached by Eve Brooks about the possibility of collocating the senior center and other community service operations on the library site. After discussion, it was agreed that she, Amanda, and John would meet with Eve to explore this possibility.

7. Report of the Librarian

In Amanda's absence, her report was delivered by Maureen. The library's current fiscal year state aid allocation has increased to \$79,767. The library now has "nature backpacks" for children, containing educational activities and information; this is a joint project of the Library of Virginia, Virginia State Parks, and the Science Museum of Virginia. There were several successful events at the library over the past month, including an art program with RAAC and a discussion/presentation with Rapp@Home on September 7. Amanda attended the LVA Library Directors' meeting on September 28-29, and will attend the VLA Annual Conference on October 22-24.

8. Report of the Treasurer

Debbie provided copies of her report dated September 28, 2023. She noted that we are now receiving 5.6% interest on library endowment funds.

9. Committee Reports

Personnel: No report

Expansion: No report

Buildings and Grounds: Bonnie reported that a broken front step had been repaired and the efforts were underway to repair lights that were out.

Finance: No additional report

Policy: Maureen presented an amendment to the library's policies regarding rental of large equipment. Since this was just for projectors, and since we now have a new projector, she proposed that we delete this policy. Patti moved to approve this proposal, John seconded, and the motion was approved.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

Maureen and Debbie are both approaching the end of their board terms. Debbie's departure would leave the treasurer's position vacant. She offered to stay on as treasurer, even if she is

not on the board; this would require a change in the by-laws. Debbie's offer was greeted with enthusiasm, and Victoria said she would prepare the change to the by-laws.

12. *Open discussion*

None

13. *Adjournment*

Bonnie moved that the meeting be adjourned, Kit seconded and the motion passed. unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by John Beardsley, Secretary

Signed _____ Dated _____
President