

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 22 , 2024

1. John called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
2. Confirmation of Quorum: In attendance were members of the Board of Trustees: John Beardsley, Judy DeSarno, Randi Shumate, Maureen Harris, Patti Peterson, Kit Johnston, Bonnie Jewell and Jen Cable. Absent: Victoria Fortuuna. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, Library Treasurer Debbie Knick and FOL President Ruth Welch
3. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.
4. The minutes of the 25, July 2024 meeting were approved.
5. FOL Report: Ruth Welch reported that they had to reschedule a presentation about creating a new website. FOL is looking at Board Liability Insurance for the future. PATH Non Profit Specialist Melissa Germain will be presenting to FOL about capital campaigns. Books will start to be recycled in Rappahannock County to save money, as they have been paying to recycle books in Fauquier County.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Report of the President: John presented a report in Victoria's absence. The informal gathering of people to talk about the Capital Campaign readiness went well. The RFP has been published for consultants to do a Feasibility Study for the Capital Campaign. The proposals are due September 13th and then after a review of the proposals to determine who to interview.
8. Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that Sharon , the youth services librarian, is retiring and they will be posting for the vacancy. The library utilized E-rate funding to upgrade their firewall, network devices, and associated licenses. The RFP has garnered responses and calls about submitting proposals. The Community Celebration last month went well with over 100 people attending. Library programs such as Senior painting (supported by a RAAC Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund Grant) are popular and there was more adult participation in the Summer Reading Program this year. Amanda participated in the Aging Together Meeting to increase visibility and resources at the Library for the community. Other programs continue to/will happen: Genealogy Workshop, Pre K Story Time, Computer Help, Author Talk sponsored by RAAC and Backpack Puppets. Amanda will make a presentation to the Lions Club on September 12th about library resources and Victoria will discuss the library expansion and capital campaign. Amanda will have a library information and resources table at the Art of Aging Expo on September 18. Fiscal Year Statistics show that in library computer and Wi-Fi use is trending down slightly, but patron numbers are increasing.

9. Report of the Treasurer: Report of the Treasurer: Debbie submitted the Treasurer's Report which can be viewed in Board Docs. She reported on the end of the Fiscal Year. The Investment Funds continue to yield good dividends in a safe investment environment.

10. Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Policy: None

11. Old Business: New book written by Board Member Maureen Harris about the Sperryville Rescue Squad and was approved to be part of the Library of Congress holdings.

12. New Business: Patti made mention about an organization called Penamerica which raises awareness of free expression in literature and writing.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

Victoria Fortuna, President

Date