

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 26 , 2024

1. Victoria called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
2. Confirmation of Quorum: In attendance were members of the Board of Trustees: Victoria Fortuna, John Beardsley, Judy DeSarno, Randi Shumate, Bonnie Jewell and Jen Cable. Absent: Kit Johnston, Patti Peterson and Librarian Amanda Weakley. Also attending: FOL President Ruth Welch, Library Treasurer Debbie Knick and Foothills Forum Writer Ireland Hayes
3. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.
4. The Minutes of the 22, August 2024 meeting and the Special Meeting Minutes of 17, September 2024 were both approved.
5. FOL Report: Ruth Welch reported that they have submitted paperwork for \$1 Million Liability Insurance. Sheila Gresinger was voted in as a new FOL Board Member. FOL has gotten a grant for a Book Character Party Event which will happen next month at the Washington School.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Report of the President: Victoria reported that a Special Meeting was held on September 17, 2024 to discuss the four bids for consultants who submitted proposals per the RFP for fundraising consultant services. The three companies chosen to interview are The Compass Group, Convergent NonProfit Solutions and MGI and those interviews will be conducted on October 15th and 28th. Those interviews will be open to the public. It was also reported that the library received a complaint that was filed with the US Department of Education – Labor/ Civil Rights Division about the lack of handicap accessibility of the privacy pod. Amanda has crafted a letter in response to the complaint.
8. Report of the Library Director: Amanda was away at the Library of Virginia Public Library Directors Meetings in Richmond on September 26 - 27 and Board Member Maureen Harris presented a report in her stead. The Lions Club presentation about the Library Expansion was well received. The Art of Aging Expo was well attended. Attendees from these events are coming to the library for new cards and resources. Applications for the Children's Librarian post are being reviewed and Interviews are being scheduled. Upcoming Events include: Prevention of Elder Financial Abuse Presentation – funded by Richard Lyke's Community Fund at Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, Seniors Paint at Library sponsored by RAAC, Chair Yoga – a streaming class, Tyler Reed Family Magician and Jerry Schneider's Wonderful World of Bats – sponsored by FOL.

9. Report of the Treasurer: Report of the Treasurer: Debbie submitted the Treasurer’s Report which can be viewed in Board Docs. She reported through the end of August 2024. The Investment Funds yield for August was 5.41%. This rate is expected to decline as the Federal Reserve adjusts rates downward.

10. Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Policy: None

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business: Board Member Jen Cable Mentioned that it is ‘Banned Book Week’ and the events bringing awareness to Banned Book Literature. Board Member John Beardsley mentioned the opening of the “Memory Lab” at neighboring Warren County’s Samuels Library – where items can be digitized – this was funded by a Mellon Foundation Grant.

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

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

Victoria Fortuna, President

Date