

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 5 , 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, Patti Peterson, Randi Shumate, Bonnie Jewell and Kit Johnston and Jen Cable was present via Zoom as she was travelling for work. Absent: Judy Desarno. Also attending: FOL President Ruth Welch
3. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.
4. The Minutes of the 24, October 2024 meeting were approved.
5. FOL Report: Ruth reported that two new board members have been appointed to help take the places of other Board Members who have resigned in the last month.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Report of the President: Victoria remarked and stated “the Rappahannock County Public Library Board of Trustees (Board) commends Judy DeSarno for her five years of dedicated service to the Library as a member of the Board. During her tenure, Judy greatly contributed to the work of the Board's Personnel, Expansion and Finance Committees. Judy will be missed and the Board hopes she will continue her service to the Library through other volunteer opportunities.” She also noted that at the January 2025 Board Meeting – new committee members will be considered and appointed to the existing committees within the Board. In addition, a new Board Member – Liz Conley has been appointed to the board.
8. Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that a new person has been hired to fill the position for the Librarian – Youth Services named Erin Utt. In addition, a new streaming service has been introduced called Hoopla which provides instant access to streaming – which is different from the existing Libby program. The Hoopla service is free to patrons but the library does pay for the service and she will assess how it is going forward and see how it is utilized. The Food for Fines program for the Rappahannock County Food Pantry is going well. They also have a DSS Angel Tree for library patrons to sponsor those in need for the Holiday Season.
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 October 2024.

10. Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Capital Campaign Special Committee: Victoria reported that they are continuing to review the applicants for the Feasibility Study and asking for further references from the candidates before the final decision is made to the consultant.

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Policy: None

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business: None

13. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

Victoria Fortuna, President

Date