MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 24 , 2025

Victoria called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

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, Liz Conley, Maureen Harris and Jen Cable. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, FOL President Ruth Welch and Treasurer Debbie Knick.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of March 27, 2025 were approved as amended.

FOL Report: Ruth reported that there was a meeting with Victoria , Amanda , Bonnie and Debbie on how to handle the Capital Campaign Funds – the set up and system to handle and manage the donations. She reported that Laurie Smith is helping in the FOL website design as per specifics for donations and they will be using the Mighty Cause payment portal for donations.

Public Comment: None

Report of the President: Victoria reported that a potential large donor list is being created in which Board Members and Keith will be reaching out to those potential donors. Keith is continuing to work on the feasibility study to identify the money that is needed for the Capital Campaign. She also met with Lana Westfall, a representative for Congressman Suhas Subramanyam, to express concerns about the funding implications for the library due as per the Presidential Executive Order made on March 14, 2025 to cut funding for the federal agency, the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that the library is partnering with the Virginia Department of the Treasury to help return unclaimed property to citizens. The library is also on track to be a distribution site for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank meal boxes for children over the summer months from June through August. A press release will be issued about the details and service. The carpet and tile cleaning for the Library has been scheduled in the coming month. She is continuing to work with Keith and WPO in regards to the Feasibility Study and Capital Campaign. She reported that Senator Kaine has stressed that impact statements should be sent as to demonstrate how the funding cuts could affect our Library specifically. She will be attending a regional library director's meeting on May 16 , and contingency planning will be discussed. Library Programming continues to go well and they are gearing up for the Summer Reading expanded program this year.

Report of the Treasurer: Report of the Treasurer: Debbie submitted the Treasurer's Report. She reported through the end of March 2025 and stated that expenses are on track with the budget. The Virginia Investment Pool Report was also reported to the end of March 2025.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Capital Campaign Special Committee: Aspects from this committee were covered in the President's Report.

Expansion/Renovation: Aspects from this committee were covered in the President's Report.

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: Patti reported the need to be realistic moving forward with possible funding cuts in the future and how that will affect the day to day operations, the Capital Campaign and the need to identify strategies as things develop.

Policy: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Give Local Piedmont will be happening on May 13th and FOL wants to target Power Hours for additional donations and have decided on 11-12pm. In addition, John will be working on an Updated / Revised 5 Year Plan , so as to approve at the next Board Meeting and ask that any comments be sent to him by May 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

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Victoria Fortuna, President Date