

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 26 , 2025

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

Confirmation of Quorum: In-person attendance were members of the Board of Trustees: Victoria Fortuna, John Beardsley, Randi Shumate, Bonnie Jewell and Kit Johnston, Maureen Harris and Jen Cable. Patti Peterson participated electronically from her home in Sperryville due to personal reasons. Liz Conley participated electronically from her home in Washington due to personal reasons . Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, FOL Representative Grace Hughes and Treasurer Debbie Knick

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of May 22, 2025 were approved.

FOL Report: FOL has chosen Oak View as the bank to handle the capital campaign funds. A bank official will be a representative on their Board. A future meeting will be held to plan the structure and handling of the donations going forward.

Public Comment: None

Report of the President: Victoria reported that Keith is now in the process of interviewing major potential donors from the Feasibility Study – both in person and via surveys. Keith has reported that the consensus is positive feedback and comments for the capital campaign – but that there is an uncertain economy moving forward which could affect donations. He also reported that a more Community Wide Campaign will be needed. Keith will be preparing a report for the Board per the results of the Feasibility Study and exploring other resources outside of the County.

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that the library has been distributing the Blue Ridge Food Bank Food Boxes and has handed out about 50 thus far. She reported that the Library received a RAAC Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund Grant for \$4,040.00 to support Senior Art Programs. The Library of Virginia has received complete federal funding from IMLS for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2025. They received notification that they will receive all IMLS funds for the next federal fiscal year as well. There remains a possibility that ILMS could be eliminated in the future due to government cuts. Our E-rate discount for the Library Internet was approved for FY26, and State Aid has increased slightly for the 2026 fiscal year. Library programming continues to have a full schedule and is going well with Summer Reading Programs for all ages, Mush!: An Evening with Iditarod Racer Karen Land and her Sled Dog, Noggin, a new Lego Club, a Dolly Parton Imagination Library event with Headwaters, an upcoming Blue Ridge Wildlife Center Program and more.

Report of the Treasurer: The report is through the end of May 2025 and the Virginia Investment Pool Report was also through the end of May 2025.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

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

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Policy: None

Old Business: John has a FINAL draft of the 5 Year Plan and is set for last / final comments before voting to approve.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

Victoria Fortuna, President

Date