

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
July 24 , 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, Patti Peterson and Jen Cable. Liz Conley participated electronically from Sarajevo due to personal reasons and left the meeting at 5:28pm. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley and FOL President Ruth Welch

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of June 26, 2025 were approved.

**FOL Report:** Ruth reported that FOL has new Board Members – Jason Brady from Oak View Bank and Frank Reiter from the Lions Club. FOL is still continuing work on their new website. They will hold a tent sale in the Fall and plan to participate in Christmas in Little Washington.

**Public Comment:** None

**Report of the President:** No report from the President and any other points will be discussed in the Capital Campaign Committee Report.

**Report of the Library Director:** Amanda reported that programming is going well. The Library just hosted an event with Blue Ridge Wildlife Center. There will be a Community Celebration Gathering on August 8th with music, activities and treats. She will be attending both the Blue Ridge Download Consortium Meeting and Regional Librarian Meeting in the coming week(s). The Library will have a booth at the Aging Together Expo as part of outreach. There is also outreach planned with Rappahannock County Public Schools in August and at the Senior Center in September. The new Lego Club is going well and will be a regular monthly meeting. The Library is going to try hosting Family Movie Nights. The RAAC grant for Senior Art Classes are popular with wait lists for those classes. There is more programming coming for the Fall.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Personnel:** None

**Capital Campaign Special Committee:** Victoria reported on the findings and conclusions of the Feasibility Study for the Capital Campaign. The uncertain economy has created an environment in which funding may not be as readily available as originally thought when starting this project. The Study identified that the Capital Campaign needs to foster more community awareness, provide expanded education about the project, look for different sources for gifts/donations, and possibly create phases for the expansion of the Library.

The Committee will meet next week to discuss next steps and send Thank Yous to those who helped in the Feasibility Study.

**Expansion/Renovation:** None

**Buildings and Grounds:** None

**Finance:** None

**Policy:** None

**Old Business:** The Library's newly updated and revised Five Year Plan was adopted and approved by the Board.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

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Victoria Fortuna, President

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Date