

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 28 , 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, Randi Shumate, Bonnie Jewell and Kit Johnston, Maureen Harris, Patti Peterson and Jen Cable. Liz Conley participated electronically from Portugal due to personal reasons. John Beardsley was absent. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, Treasurer Debbie Knick, FOL President Ruth Welch and Treasurer Bill Nenninger, and Rappahannock News Reporter Ireland Hayes.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of July 24, 2025 were approved.

FOL Report: Ruth reported that FOL has new Board Members – Emily Cain and Al Regenery. FOL is still continuing work on their new website and it is an ongoing process.

Public Comment: None

Report of the President: Victoria reported that she talked with Declan Perrot, a local Rappahannock County teen, about a Music Master Class with local musicians for teens. It is in the planning stages and looking to have it happen in the Winter / Spring. Additional issues will be covered in the Capital Campaign Report.

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that programming is going well. There will be a Teen Advisory Board held on September 12th to gain input for the library teen/young adult programs. The Community Celebration held on August 8th was a success. The Rappahannock County Library Statistic Cards are now out for the 2025 Fiscal Year – library programs have expanded in numbers and library attendance is up. Amanda participated in an interview with the Chief Policy Analyst for the Virginia Joint Commission on Technology & Science on digital opportunity. A JCOTS Digital Opportunity Report will be presented to the General Assembly later this year. There is more programming set for September – Outreach Events, Art Classes, Computer Help, Home School Hour, Tai Chi, Family Game Night and LEGO Club. The library is partnering with RLEP for a Bio Diversity Speaker Series to take place in September through November.

Report of the Treasurer: The report is through the end of July 2025 and the Virginia Investment Pool Report was also through the end of July 2025. In addition , there is a report of a recap of Fiscal Year 2024.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Capital Campaign Special Committee: Victoria reported that Thank You notes were sent to those who participated in the Feasibility Study. They clarified some of the issues to communicate to the public and have drafted a letter to the editor for the Rappahannock News. Daphne Hutchinson is interviewing Amanda for a Rappahannock News article that highlights all the library has to offer our community. The committee members are working on a Gift Pyramid of the Capital Campaign, revising the Capital Campaign Case for Support and reaching out to major donors with pledge agreements.

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Policy: None

Old Business: None

New Business: The Library's Privacy Pod Policy was adopted and approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

Victoria Fortuna, President

Date