

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 25 , 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, John Beardsley, Liz Conley and Jen Cable. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, Treasurer Debbie Knick and FOL President Ruth Welch

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of August 28, 2025 were approved.

FOL Report: Ruth reported that there will be a Tent Sale at the Book Barn on October 25, 2025 and there will also be a Portrait Raffle courtesy of Dennis King to raise additional funds. FOL will add another satellite Book Barn location at The Marketplace in Sperryville in addition to the existing one at Pen Druid Brewing. FOL will have a tent at Christmas in Little Washington. Also, FOL is sponsoring Courtesy Corners with hygiene supplies in the Library Restrooms.

Public Comment: None

Report of the President: Victoria reported that any issues will be noted in her Capital Campaign Report.

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that programming and outreach continue to go well. She visited the Senior Center this month and shared library materials , programs and services that may be beneficial to them. She also guided the seniors in a craft activity , which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Earlier this week the library kicked off their partnership 4th Monday speaker series, “The Nature of Rappahannock” with RLEP. Maxwell Earle, Outreach and Coordinator for the Smithsonian’s Turtle Conservation Ecology Lab, presented “All About Turtles”. The meeting room was at capacity, and more than thirty people joined via Zoom.

Amanda also represented the library with a display table and library information at the Art of Aging Lifestyle and Wellness Expo this past Wednesday.

Recently, Liz Johnson of Mountainside Marketing generously provided Amanda various marketing advice and courtesy media training that Amanda found extremely beneficial.

Amanda will be in Richmond next week for the Library of Virginia’s Library Director’s Meeting and the Virginia Library Association Conference.

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

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Capital Campaign Special Committee: Victoria reported that fellow Board Member Liz Conley has developed two Gift Table Scenarios for the Capital Campaign which outline possible fundraising options going forward. In addition, there will be a revision of the Case for Support for the Capital Campaign so as to better clarify what the library does and who it serves in our community.

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: Bonnie reported that the curb that had been repaired has now been painted as per the full scope of the repair work.

Finance: None

Policy: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Randi shared that she had shared the library statistics card with the Rappahannock County Book Club. There was positive feedback and they thought those cards / statistics should be further spread out into the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

Victoria Fortuna, President

Date