MINUTES OF
the
RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING
23 OCTOBER 2025

A meeting of the Rappahannock County Public Library Board of Trustees (Board) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on 23 October 2025. Members of the Board present at the meeting were: John Beardsley, Victoria Fortuna, Maureen Harris, Kit Johnston, Patti McGill Peterson and Randi Shumate. Jen Cable, Elizabeth Conley and Bonnie Jewell were absent. Amanda Weakley, Library Director, and Ruth Welch, President of the FOL, were also present.

1. The Board unanimously adopted the Agenda for this meeting, and Minutes from the 25 September 2025 as presented.

2. FOL Report - Ruth reported that a book cart was now in place at the Sperryville Marketplace. People may take a book for a donation to the Friends. On Saturday 25 October, there will be a tent sale at the Book Barn from 10-3. Books will be sold for $10 per bag. There will also be a bulb giveaway, and raffle tickets for a Dennis King portrait are also for sale. Ruth informed the Board that she had completed the Technical Assistance Grant Report to Path for the prior PATH award.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. There was no report from the President.

5. Report from the Librarian:
Amanda continues to work on E-rate and Bibliostats.

She also noted that a longtime library vendor, Baker and Taylor, is discontinuing services. While our library no longer uses B&T for materials, there is a tremendous impact as many other libraries are switching to vendors we use. This is causing a noticeable delay in material arrival. Baker and Taylor also manages the Bibliostats database, so Bibliostats deadlines have moved up for VA libraries.

Programs continue to go well. October's Nature Series collaborative program with RLEP was canceled due to the government shutdown (the presenter is employed by the Smithsonian).

In November, the library will accept food for fines to benefit the food pantry.

6. Report of the Treasurer: Debbie submitted monthly results, and the Board did not have any questions.

7. Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: No report.

Capital Campaign Committee: John and Patti reported that they had been approached by Betsy Dietel with an invitation to re-open discussions regarding a possible relocation of the Library to Rush River II. Patti and John confirmed that the discussion was productive but nothing firm had been offered. Both Patti and John made it clear to Ms. Dietel that the Board would not entertain any arrangement that would require us to pay rent at a commercial rate.

Expansion Committee: No report.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: No report.

Policy Committee: No report.

8. New Business: Victoria reminded the Board that the next meeting would be the final meeting of the year, and Board members should consider what committees and contributions they would like to make for the next year. Victoria also reminded the Board that the next meeting would be Randi Shumate's last meeting. She also reminded the Board that Amanda's review would be coming up as year end was quickly approaching.

9. Open Discussion: none.

10. Adjournment: The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting ended at 5:25pm.

The next Board meeting will be a regular meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2025 at 4:30pm at the Library.

Submitted by:

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Victoria Fortuna, President, Rappahannock County Public Library Board of Trustees
on this _____ day of _____, 2025