

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 4 , 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, who arrived at 5:10pm. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley and FOL President Ruth Welch

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of October 23, 2025 were approved.

FOL Report: Ruth reported there was a book bag sale in October to cap off Friends of Library week.. They will have a booth at Christmas in Little Washington. Ruth will still be on the Friends of the Library board but new officers are as follows: Grace Flores will be President, Ruth will be Vice-President, and Emily Locke will be Secretary. Their annual donation letter was sent in November

Public Comment: None

Report of the President: No report

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that she submitted Bibliostats data, a requirement for State Aid. She also noted that State Aid is projected to increase next FY. She continues to work on the budget, and is excited to share that the Friends agreed to donate \$7,000 to help support Children's Programs in the next FY. She also shared that the FOL Bookbarn, under the leadership of Anne Nenninger, had a very successful Tent Sale in October that raised over \$900.00, and their Watercolor Raffle was also a success. Programs continue to go well, and we have Christmas Storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus coming up on December 10, Seniors Paint on December 12, Outreach at RCES' Grinchmas on December 17, and Tai Chi on December 18.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Debbie Knick was absent and the report was presented by Bonnie. The report is through the end of November 2025 and the Virginia Investment Pool Report was also through the end of November 2025.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Victoria will be circulating the form for Amanda's review and asks all members to complete and share their comments.

Capital Campaign Special Committee: Liz reviewed the gift pyramid levels set, our fundraising status and the pathway to \$5.5M goal - as per the consultant's analysis. Between the September and December meetings, there have been discussions with Rush River group about their next phase/expansion – Rush River II – and what options there might be for the Library.

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Policy: None

Old Business: None

New Business: The Board approved to begin formal talks and negotiations per Rush River II and appointed a Negotiating Committee. The members of the negotiating committee are as follows: John, Patti, Bonnie and Victoria. The Board thanked and gave appreciation for Randi Shumate serving on the Library Board as her term is ending on December 31, 2025

The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary

Victoria Fortuna, President

Date