

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 22 , 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, Bonnie Jewell, Kit Johnston, Maureen Harris, Patti Peterson, John Beardsley, Liz Conley, Michael Chamowitz and Jen Cable. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley and FOL Representative Ruth Welch

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of December 4, 2025 were approved.

Election of the Officers:

The following officers were elected by the Board for the 2026 year –

Victoria Fortuna, President
John Beardsley, Vice President
Debbie Knick, Treasurer
Jen Cable, Secretary

FOL Report: Ruth reported that FOL hosted a booth at the Little Washington Christmas Celebration. Al Regnery is now a new FOL board member. The FOL Annual Letter raised almost \$9000.00 in donations. They are reviewing and updating the FOL Bylaws.

Public Comment: None

Report of the President: Victoria will update and report in other committee reports.

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that programming is going well and the Art programs are being expanded. There will be a screening of the Peace Corps documentary, *A Towering Task*, on February 11th. On March 7th, the Garden Club and Library will host their third annual Seed Swap. On March 14th, author and musician Gregg Kimball will present a multimedia show featuring rare images, recordings, and live performance honoring Virginia's Piedmont musicians, including Rappahannock's John Jackson. The 'Food for Fines' holiday fundraiser went well and 75 pounds of food was donated to the Food Pantry.

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

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Victoria will be reviewing and conducting Amanda's annual performance review.

Negotiating Special Committee: The additional comments were added to the response letter that was sent to Rush River II in regards to negotiations per the property.

Capital Campaign Special Committee: None

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: Patti reported that the committee met with Amanda to review the FY 2027 budget so as to be ready to submit to the Board of Supervisors. The budget asks for an increase in salary for a part time person to account for additional/flexible hours as they are needed. In addition, an increase for a pay raise for the contract cleaners. There are also expected increases to postal fees, travel and training due to higher costs of fees, gas and hotels. The State Aid is projected increase from last year. The proposed FY 2027 budget was approved as presented and to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Policy: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Appointment of Committees will be tabled until the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary


Victoria Fortuna, President


Date