

Minutes
Rappahannock County Library Board
Meeting
May 27, 2021

A. Call To Order

Victoria Fortuna called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm in the Library's meeting room.

B. Confirmation of Quorum

Library Board Members present: Maureen Harris, Garrey Curry, Victoria Fortuna, Terri Sidrow, Randi Shumate, Debbie Knick, Judy DeSarno, Patti Peterson, and Beth Gainer.

Staff present: Amanda Weakley-Library Director, Sharon Buchanan-Youth Services Librarian.

Public present: Missy Sutton, Debbie Keyser, Bill Nenninger.

C. Approval Of The Agenda

Judy moved to approve the agenda. Randi seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

D. Disposition of Minutes

Judy moved to accept the minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting. Terri seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

E. Public Comment

Amanda introduced Sharon Buchanan, new Youth Services Librarian, to the Board.

Debbie Keyser spoke to the Board about the need for a local history room in a new/renovation Library, or a section of dedicated space for collected local genealogy and records if a dedicated room was not feasible. She explained some of the history of various local families and the need for public access to genealogical records. She noted the presence of local history rooms in surrounding counties' libraries. She also noted that the Rappahannock Historical Society is a private organization and could close at any time, most likely resulting in the records being sent to Richmond. She expressed her desire that these records, and many more, could have a permanent home at the Rappahannock County Public Library.

Missy Sutton spoke about the importance of paper records and the retention of them in a secure and accessible environment. She noted that genealogy is very relevant with individuals and a local history room could bring relevance to the Library and more patron traffic. She noted that there are also several genealogical organizations/projects which could work in conjunction with the Library.

Bill Nenninger noted that the book barn is open 10am-2pm on Saturdays and he expects patronage to increase as individuals get out and about the County.

F. Report of the President

Victoria requested help to distribute surveys and posters around the County and several Board members volunteered to assist with this effort.

Victoria noted that both the Path and the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation grants were accepted.

G. Report of the Librarian

Amanda noted the following in her report:

- The Library has created a display of books (Children/YA) to focus on mental health in conjunction with May as the mental health awareness month.
- She gave a presentation to Rapp@Home on May 20, at which she gave out copies of the Library's survey.
- She attended a Region 6 Directors meeting.
- Summer reading starts on June 1st and goes through July 30th. Signups can be made in person, over the phone, or through email.
- There is a Library Board of Trustee's online workshop June 8th.
- The Library will resume regular hours and room usage on June 1st.
- As of today, around 20 paper surveys have been returned to the Library. Amanda received positive feedback from Mimi Cantwell who said that this was one of the best surveys she has ever filled out.
- Statistics for May (1-27) are: Overdrive-313 checkouts; WiFi- 26 unique users per day (average) and 913 users for the month; reference questions- 387 questions; circulation- 1193 checkouts; patrons- 478 (8 curbside only); computers- 53 users.

H. Report Of The Treasurer

Debbie provided copies of her FY21 report from year to 5/31/2021, along with the most recent investment report to each Board Member.

Judy moved that the Board empower Amanda to purchase the computer upgrades, after which the Board will approach the Friends of the Library to reimburse this cost to the Library. Patti seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

I. Committee Reports

- Personnel Committee -No report
- Expansion Committee –Judy noted that Enteros will be meeting with the public (kick-off meetings) through several short presentations, which will include a slideshow and

question and answer periods to gain feedback. Amanda will set up the meeting room for any presentations that are held at the Library. Judy will contact Gil to have him make the necessary appointments to speak with the members of the Board of Supervisors. The expansion committee will set up a separate meeting for the full Library Board to meet with Gil. Maureen noted that all patrons who have an active email address on file, with the Library, were sent the survey by email. The committee sent a notice about the kick-off meetings to the local paper, but they were not able to publish it due to paper space.

- Building and Grounds Committee – no report
- Finance Committee Report-No report.
- Policy Committee Report- No report.

J. Old Business

None

K. New Business

None

L. Open Discussion

None

M. Adjournment

Judy moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri seconded and the motion passed unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

The next meeting will be June 24, 2021, 4:30 pm at the Library.

Submitted by Beth Gainer, Secretary

Signed _____ Dated _____

President