

Minutes
Rappahannock County Library Board
Meeting
April 28, 2022

A. Call To Order

Victoria Fortuna called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm in the Library's meeting room.

B. Confirmation of Quorum

Library Board Members present: Victoria Fortuna, Randi Shumate, Patti Peterson, Beth Gainer, Debbie Knick, Maureen Harris, Terri Sidrow, Judy DeSarno, and Garrey Curry (arrived at 5:31).

Absent:

Staff present: Amanda Weakley-Library Director.

Public present: Helen Williams from Friends of the Library (FOL)

C. Approval Of The Agenda

Maureen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Randi seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

D. Disposition of Minutes

Maureen moved to accept the minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting as amended. Terri seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

E. Public Comment

Helen reported that the payment for the funding request for the insurance shortfall was made to the Library and that the purchase of Library furniture is waiting for the establishment of a tax free account with Costco. She also noted that the Friends of the Library Book Barn Open House will be on April 30th and Give Local Piedmont is on May 3rd.

F. Report of the President

Victoria noted:

- She attended the FOL meeting at the request of a FOL Board member. The FOL approved all of Amanda's requests for assistance and the details will be reported in Amanda's report to the Board of Trustees.
- She spoke with Betsy Dietel via a telephone call and informed her that she would be pleased to meet with Chuck Akre to have a more in-depth discussion of the

possibility of the Library moving to Rush River II and the terms and conditions that would apply to the Library. She informed Betsy that she would bring Amanda, Debbie and our attorney, Sharon Pandak, to the meeting to ask questions.

G. Report of the Librarian

Amanda reported:

- The carpets and tiles were cleaned March 26th.
- The Library received a table and four chairs from the County Administration office.
- The Library will be getting a color copier soon. It is currently held up by supply chain issues
- The Library is displaying a pinwheel garden for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month
- There is an interactive Library display for National Poetry Month.
- The FY 2023 state aid grant application has been sent in.
- The E-rate forms have been approved and will be funded at 70% (\$16,086.00).
- The Library received 150 children's books (several copies of each title) from LVA which will be given away at activities or as prizes.
- She attended a LVA New Directors meeting and has completed several continuing education opportunities including online training courses and an autism acceptance challenge.
- She will attend the Mountain 6 Regionals Directors meeting on May 20th.
- The youth summer reading program will start on June 8th.
- 103 children are now registered for Imagination Library Program
- Statistics are trending up, including story time attendance which is nearing pre-covid numbers and meeting room reservations.

H. Report Of The Treasurer

Debbie provided copies of her FY22 report from year to 4/30/2022, along with the most recent investment report to each Board Member. She noted that the Library received \$5,458.14 to go towards the HVAC repair and that this requires an appropriation to the repair and maintenance-equipment line item..

Patty moved that Debbie appropriates the FOL donation of \$5,458.14 to the repair and maintenance-equipment line of our budget. Judy seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

I. Committee Reports

- Personnel Committee-No report
- Expansion Committee-No report.
- Building and Grounds Committee-No report.

- Finance Committee Report-No report.
- Policy Committee Report-No report.

J. Old Business

No old business

K. New Business-

Approval of funds for attorney in anticipation of negotiations

Victoria received a phone call from Betsy Dietel who stated that Chuck Akre and his team believe that the boundary line adjustment change may come through soon. Betsy wanted to meet and talk about the Rush River Project and the possibility of its inclusion of a new library. Victoria explained to Betsy that the Library Board was not currently prepared to have this meeting. Victoria recommended to the Board that the Expansion Committee meet and discuss details/issues which would need to be addressed at a Rush River Project meeting.

Victoria noted that she believes the Board will need approximately \$15,000 for attorney fees in the near future for legal services regarding expansion and renovation. Debbie noted that this expense would come from the strategic planning expense line.

A robust discussion was had regarding the need for legal services as the Library renovation or expansion project continues.

Judy moved to authorize up to \$15,000 of our existing strategic planning budget for, President authorized, legal expenses regarding the expansion and renovation project. Maureen seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

L. Open Discussion

No open discussion

M. Adjournment

Terri moved to adjourn the meeting. Victoria seconded and the motion passed unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

The next meeting will be May 26, 2022, 4:30 pm at the Library.

Submitted by Beth Gainer, Secretary

Signed _____ Dated _____

President