

Minutes
Rappahannock County Library Board
Meeting
June 23, 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 (left at 5:12 pm), Maureen Harris, Judy DeSarno, and Garrey Curry.

Absent: Debbie Knick

Staff present: Amanda Weakley-Library Director.

Public present: None

C. Approval Of The Agenda

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

D. Disposition of Minutes

Judy moved to accept the minutes from the May 26th, 2022 meeting. Victoria seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

E. Report of the President

Victoria reported:

- She spoke with Ben Peters, via telephone, from the Rappahannock News after a request for an interview. During this interview, she explained that the Library Board did not have any set plans yet to move forward with the renovation/expansion project and that we are currently looking into various concerns regarding the project. In the printed article, there was a mistake stating that the County owns the Library's building. Victoria will reach out to the newspaper for a correction noting that the Library Board owns the building.
- She spoke with Betsy Dietel who noted that Mr. Akre is not interested in a fee simple situation with the Library. Victoria talked to Betsy regarding some issues that the Board may have about the Rush River site. She will adapt the letter written by Sharon Pandak and send it out as an informal letter to Betsy with the preliminary concerns. Victoria will send out the draft of this letter to the Board for any comments prior to sending it to Betsy.

- Victoria and Garrey had a conference call with Debbie Donehey (Chair of Board of Supervisors). They discussed the need for the Library Board to conduct due diligence in looking for other possible properties for the renovation/expansion project. Victoria will start contacting neighboring property owners to see if anyone is interested in selling/donating land to the Library.
- Victoria provided a letter to the Board for Theresa Sidrow in show of thanks for her service to the Library Board.

F. Report of the Librarian

Amanda reported:

- The parking light timer has been reset and is working fine.
- The FOL is trying to get the tree trimming scheduled.
- The Library Assistant position is still open. She is conducting interviews and hopes to have someone by the July Board meeting.
- The youth summer reading program has started. There are 75 youth registered (66 kids and 9 teens).
- 50 people attended the petting zoo activity.
- The adult summer reading program has started. Adults will get raffle tickets and can win a prize for reading books.
- The privacy pod for medically underserved areas and areas of low employment application has been approved. The pod will be ordered and the costs will be reimbursed through an ARPA (IMLS-LVA) grant.
- The Library of Virginia Library Board meets on June 27 to approve FY2023 State Aid allocations
- Statistics are looking good. The numbers for circulation and new cards are up. The Library is still providing curbside service as well as distributing free covid tests.

G. Report Of The Treasurer

Debbie provided copies of her FY22 report from year to 6/30/2022, in the folders and will email a copy of the investment report to each Board member; she was not present to discuss the report.

Amanda, via a request from Debbie, asked to have up to \$20,000 transferred from investments to cover strategic planning expenses.

Patti moved that the Board authorize Debbie to move up to \$20,000 from investments to cover strategic planning expenses. Randi seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

H. 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.

I. Old Business

No old business

(Beth Gainer left the meeting at 5:12 pm. Randi Shumate continued as Secretary.)

J. New Business

Maureen Harris presented information on Rappahannock properties on the south side of Rt. 211 from Massey's Corner to past the High School.

K. Open Discussion

Reminder of the Saturday, July 2, 2022 free Col. John Bourgeois concert at Avon Hall. The gates will open at 4 pm. The concert begins at 6 pm. Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets.

Fireworks on Monday, July 4, 2022 at Ben Venue Farm. Gates open at 3 pm. Fireworks begin at dusk. General admission \$40/vehicle; tailgate \$60/vehicle. Rain date will be July 5.

L. Adjournment

Maureen moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded and the motion passed unopposed. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 28 at 4:30 pm at the Library.

Submitted by Beth Gainer, Secretary and Randi Shumate, Substitute Secretary

Signed _____ Dated _____

President