

Minutes of the
Rappahannock County Library Board of Trustees'
Meeting on December 1, 2022

A. *Call to Order*

Victoria Fortuna called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

B. *Confirmation of Quorum*

Library Board Members Present: Victoria Fortuna, Judy DeSarno, Garrey Curry, Kit Johnston, Patti Peterson.

Absent: Maureen Harris, Randi Shumate, Debbie Knick, Beth Gainer.

Staff present: Amanda Weakley, Library Director.

Members of the Public present: Bonnie Jewell.

Victoria Fortuna acted as Secretary to the Board in Beth's absence

C. *Approval of the Agenda*

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

D. *Disposition of the Minutes*

Judy moved to approve minutes from the October 27, 2022 meeting with the correction of Garrey Curry's name in section K. Victoria seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

E. *Public Comment*

Garrey introduced Bonnie Jewell to the Board. Bonnie is the Assistant County Administrator and was appointed to the Board as the next County Representative. Bonnie briefly discussed her past work experience. The Board members welcomed her to the Board.

F. *Report of the President*

Victoria discussed ideas Garrey shared regarding the Expansion and Renovation Project. Victoria appointed Kit Johnston to the Expansion Committee effective January 1, 2023, and requested that Judy convene an Expansion Committee meeting after the new year to discuss project possibilities and outline a path forward.

G. *Report of the Librarian*

Amanda reported:

- she hired a new Library Assistant, Connie Thomas
- UPS Dropbox was installed on Library property
- she is working on eRate and Bibliostats
- circulation and most stats are trending up, it is likely we will meet and/or exceed 2019 numbers
- some highlights include: 133 Rappahannock children are enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library; we added 24 new library patrons in the last month (and 216 new patrons so far in 2022); 1160 patrons visited the Library in November; both the meeting room and privacy pod have been popular
- Christmas Story Time with Santa will be on December 3

H. *Report of the Treasurer*

Debbie provided copies of her report dated December 1, 2022. The Board did not have any comments.

I. *Committee Reports*

No reports.

J. *Old Business*

None.

K. New Business

The Board thanked Garrey for his service to the Library Board of Trustees. We all agreed that he contributed greatly to our successes over the last few years, and helped us navigate through COVID-19 restrictions as well as Virginia FOIA requirements.

Patti requested that we ask Beth Gainer to come to the next meeting so that we could thank her for her service, since her term is coming to an end. Victoria said she would contact her.

L. Adjournment

Judy moved that the meeting be adjourned, Kit seconded and the motion passed unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Victoria Fortuna, Acting Secretary

Signed _____

Dated _____

President