Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for April 15, 2025 Meeting 7:00PM

Open Meeting Held: Library Auditorium
Optional Zoom Meeting ID 842 9475 4177 & Password 974544

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present	Ms. Marisa Ackermann Ms. Wendy Armacost Ms. Stephanie Kivich Ms. Monica Rodriguez Mr. Palmer Yale - Zoom
Absent	Ms. Kim Bogosian Mr. Jimmy Rizzo Mr. Charles Ryan Ms. Krista Vellis
Staff Present	Ms. Gretchen Corsillo
Others Present	Mr. Ian Doris
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Armacost

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Rodriguez read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. President's Report

A. Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for tonight's meeting
Moved: Kivich Seconded: Rodriguez
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

B. Approval of the minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 regular meeting
Moved: Kivich Seconded: Ackermann
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

4. Hearing of the citizens

Ms. Armacost opened the meeting to the hearing of the citizens. Seeing none, she closed the meeting.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Director's Report

Ms. Corsillo reported:

- Facilities – Next Monday the remaining pieces for the Teen Space are being installed. Photos will be taken for the Gala.
- Finance – Woman's Club made a $700+ donation to the ESL program. It will cover a new whiteboard, books and supplies.
- Community Outreach – We received some feedback from a patron that our Jewish offerings could be improved. Ms. Corsillo and Ms. Tarantino will be meeting with Rabbi Lerman to discuss this later this month.
- Technology – We are updating our computer rules. People are bringing their own device more often, so we can have less strict limits on time. Ms. Corsillo surveyed other BCCLS libraries to get an idea of how they handle it.
- Hoopla has had an issue with AI generated content in their collection. They did a webinar with some BCCLS representatives, and they are starting to get a better handle on it. They are lobbying with some other vendors to have the publishers reveal that something is AI generated. Ms. Corsillo is blocking anything that is AI generated manually at this point.
- Friends of the Library had their book sale the first week in April, but it was a bit rainy so it did slow down foot traffic. They honored Ida Borroto at the Women's Club event this month and there is a plaque on the shelving that was donated by the Friends in her honor.
- Foundation – The Gala is coming up on May 3rd and we are marketing the new project as the "Revitalization of the Mezzanine" for fund raising.
- New BCCLS strategic plan was passed. No news from the state regarding how the federal cuts will affect us.
- Ms. Armacost mentioned that it was interesting that on the circulation numbers, the e-books seem to have gone up and the physical books have gone down. Not always, but it is changing.

7. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Payment of March bills

Motion: To approve payment of bills enclosed in the packet
Moved: Ackerman Seconded: Kivich
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

B. Buildings/Grounds – No report

C. Foundation – Gala planning is going well. 37K in sponsorship so far.

D. By-Laws – No report.

E. Strategic Planning – No report

F. Nominating – No report

G. Personnel – No report

H. Mayor/Alternate – No report

I. Superintendent/Alternate – No report

J. Legal – No report.

8. Old Business

- Approval of Security Camera Policy

Motion: To approve the Security Camera Policy as presented.
Moved: Rodriguez Seconded: Yale
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

9. New Business

- Approval of updates to Computer Rules – updated rules were presented by Ms. Corsillo. Ms. Armacost suggested that maybe the internet use policy could be linked in the rules that they agree to when they log on to the library's network. Also to make it a little more prominent, maybe put a QR code with the policy to make it accessible.

Motion: To approve the updated Computer Rules as presented.
Moved: Yale Seconded: Ackermann
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

- Approval of June 13 Early Closing

Motion: To approve closing at 4pm on Friday, June 13, 2025 to accommodate children's programming.
Moved: Kivich Seconded: Rodriguez
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Moved: Kivich Seconded: Yale

For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Verdino

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM