

Peru Public Library
Board Minutes
February 15, 2017

Just prior to the onset of the regular meeting President Anna Jo McKaig welcomed new member Leslie Murphy to the group.

The Peru Public Library Board of Trustees met on February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Sharon Edwards, Bryan Maggart, Alison Paul and Ronald Schuckel. Secretary Michael Steele was unable to attend. Director Maryann Farnham was also present.

Trustees read, amended and approved minutes of the previous meeting. Acting Secretary Schuckel moved to that effect and Bryan Maggart seconded the action. The motion carried.

Director Farnham distributed the claims and financial statements. She clarified the new format designed to streamline and ease the process. Trustee Maggart moved for the acceptance of the items and Trustee Paul seconded. The motion passed. Treasurer Edwards state that all financial statements, claims and accounts for January were reviewed and are in order.

Maryann Farnham reported that the Miami County Auditor was in error in sending the library \$1875 in January and February. The Peru Public Library sent a check for \$3750 to correct the CEDIT misappropriation. The Director and Treasurer Sharon Edwards met with the State Board of Accounts representative and were pleased to report that the audit “went very well.”

Farnham noted the Community Foundation Report included in the trustee packet for February showed that no money was available this year due to the 2016 renovation expenditures.

In another matter, Steve Presley complained in a letter about untended library leaves defacing his nearby property. After discussion, board members felt that the library had already fulfilled its obligations in that regard and that his complaint was untoward.

Next, the Director cited glitches since the 2016 renovation. Outside lights remain problematic, the new elevator phone does not work, and floor tile in the children's section came unglued. She is hopeful that issues like this are under warranties. Farnham also remarked that the OCRA Stage One closeout is still unresolved.

In old business, after considerable bureaucratic bungling on the state level, the 2017 library budget was approved. The amount was \$463,622 an increase of \$6660. Bryant Maggart moved for board approval. Alison Paul seconded.

The motion carried. Also, the board approved pay raises for the Director and staff for 2017 after a motion by Alison Paul and a second by Leslie Murphy.

In new business, trustee decided to retain the present fee of \$75 per card for non-residents. The trustee team of Bryan Maggart and Sharon Edwards moved and seconded such. That motion carried.

Lastly, members discussed changing the meeting day and time since many in the group have multiple civic roles to play in the community Ronald Schuckel moved that henceforth the Peru Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Alison Paul seconded the motion. It carried. President Anna Jo McKaig adjourned the meeting at 7:50

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Schuckel, Acting Secretary