

Peru Public Library Board Minutes

August 2, 2017

President Anna Jo McKaig called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Sharon Edwards, Bryan Maggart, Leslie Murphy, Alison Paul, Austina Reed and Ronald Schuckel. Director Maryann Farnham was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected. Brian Maggart moved and Alison Paul seconded the motion to approve the financial statement and claims. It carried. Treasure Edwards noted that the bank and deposits statements were in order.

Maryann Farnham announced the Summer Reading Program was drawing to a close, 287 children benefited.

Library board members committed to joining the Indiana State Library Consortium once again. In resolving to maintain state library standards the Peru Library reaps financial discounts for such services as internet connections.

Director Farnham said the present maintenance agreement for HVAC is still pending.

She also noted an upcoming DGLF budget meeting on August 10 at 8:15 AM. A state representative spoke of a 4 % gain possible the coming year.

Farnham reported that warranty licenses like the outside lights and floor problems in the Children's area remain unresolved. However, the second floor air condition upgrade is almost finished.

President McKaig provided to trustees alternative to the Peru Public Library Board Bylaws; Article VII, Article IX, Article X.

After a motion by Alison Paul and a second by Bryan Maggart the changes were approved by the trustees.

Alison Paul presented a brief report on a State Library gathering she attended at Winamac. She shared several ideas with trustees. One was a regular recording of board meetings as a useful review tool.

In the final phase of the meeting Director Fanham and the trustees welcomed Ethan Manning, chairperson of the Miami County Council and Councilwoman Chittum. In a wide ranging discussion the group explored issues both supportive and dismissive of the renewal of Miami County inclusion in the Peru Library program. The cost of any renewal was a paramount issue. Further talks will likely ensue.

President Anna Jo McKaig adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Ronald Schuckel

July board meeting