

Peru Public Library Board Minutes

June 22, 2017

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

Bryan Maggart moved that Ronald Schuckel be elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Alison Paul seconded. The motion carried.

After corrections the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Bryan Maggart moved and Ronald Schuckel seconded that motion

In her inaugural action newly appointed trustee Austina Reed moved that the financial statement and claims be accepted. Ronald Schuckel seconded. The motion carried. Treasurer Sharon Edwards announced that the bank statements were in order.

Director Maryann Farnham reported major success so far in the summer reading program. Several hundred children are enrolled. Local media report glowingly about programming.

Farnham stated that the Preventive Maintenance agreement is still pending since several bids have not yet been received. She also announced an upcoming budget meeting with the DGLF. There will be a breakfast retirement party for veteran staff member Laura Marshall. It will take place on August 10 at 8:15 AM. The library will suspend opening until 10:00 AM that day.

Renovation warranty issues are still unresolved. Haphazard outside lighting and floor concerns in the children's area remain problematic. However, steps are being taken to make the public aware of safety issues. Application of the window grant from Rediscover Downtown Peru has been delayed. Bids are slow in coming. On a more positive note, upgrading of the second floor air condition is nearing completion.

The Director expressed concern about a patron with mental health issues necessitating a police visit. She is hopeful a previous restraining order against the person is still in effect.

In old business trustees discussed changes in the library by-laws and decided to table the matter for further study. Also, the heavy social calendar in late July triggered by the annual Peru Circus Days Festival prompted the group to move the July board meeting to August 2.

In new business, Director Farnham announced that the library received tax distribution totaling \$192,812.67.

County Councilwoman Sandy Chittum again appeared to bear witness for county interest in continuing dialogue with the library.

Farnham alerted trustees that the 2018 budget will be on the agenda soon.

Finally, trustees discussed a far ranging discordant medley of issues confronting the library.

President Anna Jo McKaig adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Schuckel

Secretary