

THE PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, May 25, 2017

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Anna Jo McKaig at 6:31pm. Present at the meeting were Sharon Edwards, Bryan Maggart, Ron Shuckel, Leslie Murphy, Alison Paul. Director Maryann Farnham was also present.

March Minutes were accepted with corrections. Moved by Alison Paul and Seconded by Sharon Edwards. April Minutes were read and accepted by Ron Shuckel and Seconded by Leslie Murphy.

Reading of the Financial Statement and Claims for the months of March, April and May were presented. Sharon Edwards, Treasurer prior to the meeting had reviewed them and gave her approval for the boards' acceptance. Bryan Maggart moved, Seconded by Alison Paul and were unanimously accepted.

The Director's Report was presented by Maryann Farnham where she shared with the board how well attended the District #2 ILF Meetings were and that she had an opportunity to share how we have been utilizing Social Media to really promote the Library. She also shared with us that starting June 5th the Summer Reading program would begin and the theme this year is "Build a better World." She and the staff are excited to see what this years Reading Program will bring. It was also discussed that Laura will be retiring in June and wanted to celebrate her with a Retirement Breakfast. She proceeded to tell us about the Preventive Maintenance Agreement that both QPH and Thermodyn are both bidding on. She then began to talk about the Renovation List that our Outside Lights are still not working and with daylight lasting longer it was decided we would look at this later in the year to find out what the problem is. Flooring was discussed and Board Member Bryan Maggart shared he had spoke with Mohawk and they told us that we should reach out to an official commercial flooring inspector and have them advise us. The board decided we would look into this and see what we could find out. The 2nd Flooring A/C was discussed and Thermodyn was awarded the bid after a special meeting was held to discuss the bids submitted. Installation will begin next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City Council appointment was present at the meeting and we all welcomed, Austina Reed to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws were looked over and an attendance issue was discussed per the Bylaws but because they are not clearly written the President asked for them to be tabled until further information was found.

Non-Resident Fees were discussed and it was also found that we can now offer 3-Month Cards at \$20.00 and Maryann stated she hopes this helps amp up our Summer Reading Program. Alison Paul made a motion to accept the New Non-Resident Fee Amendment with a Second from Leslie Murphy and was unanimously passed.

The board discussed the terms submitted by the office of Elizabeth Price per her previous months attendance at the meeting. Ron Shuckel brought a motion to the floor to accept Elizabeth Price as our new legal counsel. Alison Paul Seconded the motion with a vote being called and it was 4-1 with Bryan Maggart making the opposing vote due to a difference in pricing from previous counsel.

Evergreen Indiana Bylaws were read the board unanimously agreed to continue to stay with them and Board President signed the corresponding paperwork.

Sandy Chittum from the County Council was in attendance and was asked if she had anything to share with the board and she proceeded to tell us that she believed that there was an opportunity for us to take on a new contract with the county. Board President stated that the only option we had as a board was a Referendum. Sandy said she understood and that she would like to see us attain some kind of agreement with the county. Alison Paul made a motion to not entertain a contract with the county. Seconded by Sharon Edwards. A vote was called and the board was divided with Sharon Edwards, Alison Paul and Anna Jo McKaig voting in favor of the motion and Bryan Maggart, Leslie Murphy and Ron Shuckel voting against the motion. Bryan Maggart asked if possibly Ethan

Manning would be willing to come and speak to us further about this so that everyone could get on the same page.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm by President Anna Jo McKaig.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Maggart

Interim Secretary