



BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 11th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting, of the Peru Public Library, was held on Thursday, November 11th, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM and was presided by President Alison Paul.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Regine Brindle, Bryan Maggart, Leslie Murphy, Rebekah Slack, and President Alison Paul.*

MEMBER APOLOGIES: *Regina McDowell and Deb Swihart.*

DIRECTOR PRESENT: *Maryann Farnham and Assistant Director, Michelle Spangler, were present.*

GUESTS: *Brenda Weaver. Staff member Lisa Rummel was also present, to take the minutes.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul introduced Weaver and Slack. Weaver thanked the library board and library for working with Miami County Indiana Worth Remembering (MCIWR) over the past 4 years. Weaver presented the library board with a reprint of the 1922 voter registration and two copies of the book "Making Marie: A Statue's Story". They will be going into the library's Indiana collection. Weaver also mentioned her hope a recent Facebook post about the library will help spur the other commissioners into action. Farnham expounded on this post and said she appreciated that more people understood the situation and shared the information in support of the library. This also provided Farnham with an opportunity to answer some questions (including one about PLAC cards) and to explain library deserts.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

October Minutes

Maggart motioned to accept the minutes and Murphy seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Swihart had emailed Paul to say she had reviewed the financials and they were all good. Maggart motioned to accept the financial statements, claims, and bank and deposit statements and Brindle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The library is sponsoring ice skating at the Christkindlemarkt. 11 free skating vouchers remained out of 100, They were shared with those present.

AGENDA

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- The process of obtaining permits for the outdoor sign was started.
- The board was reminded of Carla Murtha’s retirement party on Friday, December 16th, from 10 am to 1 pm. Carla had been passing out invites to it already. Farnham explained some of the plans for the party. Weaver said she plans to stop in.
- The basement project: the wall studs are built. The electricians are due to come in next. Since there are extra material, the hallway floor was repainted and Paul assisted with it too. The hallway walls will be painted at the same time as the walls of the room.

OLD (UNFINISHED) BUSINESS

Paul and Farnham not ready to report on the new open-door requirements. The update discussion was tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS

The director’s evaluation is scheduled during the Executive meeting before the December 22nd Board meeting, at 5:30pm. Farnham will come in at 6 to go over it with her before the normal board meeting is called to order. Maggart will email everyone the evaluation form, and will bring his laptop to the meeting to type up the official evaluation right then. Paul went over the process for new Board member Slack.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 6:54 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Lisa Rummel, Peru Public Library staff member

SECRETARY

APPROVAL:

(Signature of
Peru Public
