



BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting, of the Peru Public Library, was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022. President Alison Paul called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Regine Brindle, Regina McDowell, Leslie Murphy, Deb Swihart, and President Alison Paul.*

MEMBER APOLOGIES: *Bryan Maggart and Rebekah Slack.*

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

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

2023 BUDGET HEARING

The 2022 budget hearing was held at 6:34 PM.

Farnham read the budget basics aloud. Paul asked if there were any remonstrations. There was none. The budget hearing was completed.

The regular September board of trustees meeting was then called to order, at 6:36 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commissioner Brenda Weaver explained that money originally set aside for the Library will no longer be available. The County needs to hire an additional prosecutor to cover the increasing number of cases from the federal prison. As it stands now, there will be **no County funding available to subsidize the card program in 2023**. Priorities change so this should be revisited after the November elections.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

August Minutes: Murphy motioned to accept the minutes and Swihart seconded. Brindle called the vote and the motion passed with all ayes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Swihart said all the numbers lined up correctly and everything was good with the financials.

Murphy motioned to accept the financial statements, claims, and bank and deposit statements and McDowell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farnham shared that former board member **Carolyn Stanton** had passed away.

AGENDA

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Farnham reminded everyone of the need to have a quorum for the **budget adoption** at the October board meeting.
- **Carla Murtha** is retiring at the end of the year. The retirement party will be on Friday, December 16 from 10-4 on the children's floor.
- The **basement office** is still waiting for studs and drywall to go up. It will be painted as well.
- There were no **HVAC** issues this summer, but the library needs to continue to plan for its eventual replacement.
- Farnham's husband may be able to handle the **west exterior step project**. That would save the library some money but may require more time.
- Farnham praised her **staff** for the yard work and other miscellaneous projects, done while the library was closed for basement repair and in preparation for the time capsule event. Paul thought the time capsule capstone looked great.

OLD (UNFINISHED) BUSINESS

- After making a last grammatical adjustment to the **board bylaws**, the by-laws committee motioned to accept their updated version. Swihart seconded and the vote passed with all ayes.
- Weaver addressed the **county funding** during Public Comment.
- Paul asked about the **city de-annexation attempt**. Farnham had attended the Board of Works meeting and shared that neither the family nor their lawyer had shown up. The Board of Works gave no new date.

NEW BUSINESS

- The November board meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day. Paul motioned to change the November meeting to Thursday, November 17 because of Thanksgiving Day. Brindle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The December meeting falls on December 22. It will work for everyone, so that meeting will remain on its original date.
- The next meeting is on October 27, at 6:30 PM.

There being no further business on the agenda, President Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

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

SECRETARY APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)

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