



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 23, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees**

A Board of Trustees meeting, of the Peru Public Library, was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

### **ATTENDEES**

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

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Rebekah Slack

STAFF PRESENT: Director, Maryann Farnham and Assistant Director, Michelle Spangler

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner- Brenda Weaver, NICF- Heidi Wright

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Review of the February Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the February minutes made by Deb Swihart.

Motion seconded by Bryan Maggart.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Review of the February financial statements, claims, and bank statements.

Motion to accept the financial statements made by Bryan Maggart.

Motion seconded by Leslie Murphy.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Heidi Wright presented a distribution check from the Northern Indiana Community Foundation to the Library. She also discussed the grants provided by NICF funds in Miami County.

### **AGENDA**

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

- Discussion on Indiana Senate Bill 12: Material Harmful to Minors, which threatens to criminally charge librarians for distributing “offensive” material to minors. The Indiana Library Federation (ILF) put out a statement, which was included in the board pack. If passed, this bill will impact our library and staff, as well as the services offered to minors.
- 2022 library statistics were discussed. Individual library users are down, while circulation numbers are up. Program numbers are also on the rise. A copy of the statistics are included in the board pack.

- Discussion of the cleaning and care of the Marie Stuart Edwards statue. The Peru Parks Department will be washing and waxing the statue this spring. They will also be treating the wooden bench located at the statue.
- A committee was chosen to work on library policy.  
A motion to accept the appointees was made by Bryan Maggart.  
Seconded by Regine Brindle.  
Motion passed unanimously.  
The committee consists of: Alison Paul (Board President), Bryan Maggart, Regine Brindle.
- Renovation needs- Discussion about possibly looking into replacing the canopy on the side of the library. Discussion about the appearance of the carpet on the stairs.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Review of the Bylaws.  
Motion to adopt the bylaws dated March 2023 made by Deb Swihart.  
Seconded by Leslie Murphy.  
Motion passed unanimously (with the exception of Bryan Maggart who left the meeting at 7:15, due to a prior commitment).

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of the Non-Resident Fee. The fee is \$75 for an annual card year and \$20 for a three month card.  
Motion made to accept the fee schedule as stated was made by Alison Paul.  
Motion seconded by Regine Brindle.  
Motion passed unanimously by remaining members.
- Discussion of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) Payments  
Motion to approve EFT on accounts dealing with payroll for employees, the withholding payroll taxes, and retirement benefit payments was made by Alison Paul.  
Motion was seconded by Regine Brindle.  
Motion passed unanimously by remaining members.

**There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:29 PM.**

**MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director**

**SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

(Signature and Date)

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**Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary**