



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting, of the Peru Public Library, was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rebekah Slack

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Genelle Taylor

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the April Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the April minutes made by Bryan Maggart.

Motion seconded by Leslie Murphy.

Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Motion to accept the financial statements made by Bryan Maggart.

Motion seconded by Regine Brindle.

Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Swihart's term is completed this month and she will be resigning from the Library Board of Trustees. As a thank you for her service, she was given a plaque from the library board and the library staff.

AGENDA

DIRECTORS REPORT

- The Peru Community School Board has appointed a new member to the Library Board to take the position that is being vacated at the end of her term by Deb Swihart. The new member is Gennell Taylor who will be starting in June.
- The library is preparing for the 2023 Summer Reading Program. We hosted 8 school field trips in the month of May to spread info about the program to local students.

- Discussion of HEA 1447 which was recently passed by the Indiana General Assembly and signed by Governor Holcomb. A memo from the Indiana State Library is included in the board pack. At this point, the bill prohibiting the distribution of harmful material to minors only impacts school libraries. There is a fear that this may have the potential to spread to public libraries in the future.
- The digital sign in front of the library is now complete and currently being used.
- The awning for the Huntington Street door has been ordered.
- New carpeting for the stairs and additional security cameras are projects that are still being explored by Farnham. Paul contacted Cottage Watchman about the cameras and reported that they would be in touch with Farnham within the next week.
- The metal sheeting around the roof is coming off in one section. We are waiting for an estimate to proceed with fixing the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A committee to nominate officers was appointed. Paul nominated McDowell and Brindle for the committee and the nominations were seconded by Maggart. The nominations passed unanimously. Therefore, the committee consists of Regina McDowell and Regine Brindle.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:10 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary