



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES:
June 29, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, June 29, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina McDowell, Leslie Murphy, Alison Paul, Rebekah Slack, and Gennell Taylor.

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Regine Brindle, Byan Maggart

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

Leslie Murphy presided as Secretary for this meeting, as Regine Brindle was not in attendance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

An election for officers was held. The members elected will serve from this time until June 2024. The slate of nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee were as follows:

PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Alison Paul

VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Leslie Murphy

SECRETARY NOMINEE: Regine Brindle

TREASURER NOMINEE: Regina McDowell

All offices were voted in unanimously. As such, the elected officers for the upcoming year are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Alison Paul

VICE PRESIDENT: Leslie Murphy

SECRETARY: Regine Brindle

TREASURER: Regina McDowell

As elected treasurer, McDowell will become a signee on all banking, PNC, and Beacon FCU accounts and Swihart will be removed from library banking accounts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the May Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the May minutes made by Leslie Murphy.

Motion seconded by Gennell Taylor.

Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Motion to accept the financial statements made by Alison Paul.

Motion seconded by Rebekah Slack.

Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Library's Summer Reading Program was publicized in the Peru Tribune. Thank you letters to the library from various individuals/organizations were also read.

AGENDA

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Welcome Gennell Taylor, our newest library board member. Taylor was appointed by the Peru Community School Board.
- Our 2023 Summer Reading Program is well under way. We have 395 participants so far this summer in the reading portion of the program. Our Wednesdays at the Park have been well attended with over 400 participants our first week, and each week since has had around 200 attendees.
- A committee was appointed to work on the 2024 budget. The committee consists of Regina McDowell and Rebekah Slack. A motion to accept the appointees was made by Alison Paul. The motion was seconded by Gennell Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.
- The awning for the Huntington Street door has been ordered. According to the company, Clifford Signs, it should be installed sometime in July.
- The new carpeting for the stairs has been selected from Dawalts Flooring and a down payment has been made. We are just waiting for confirmation about the date the carpet will be installed.
- Harper from Cottage Watchman visited the library to meet with Farnham, Paul, and Spangler regarding the addition of new cameras to our existing security system.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The board members signed the Board of Trustees Code of Ethics. This is done annually.
- The property tax settlement came in and we received \$234,553.12, which was an increase from 2022.

- Discussed the quote from Cottage Watchman for the new security cameras. The project is quoted at \$9,894, which includes installation and materials. A motion to discuss the quote was made by Paul and seconded by Slack. After discussion, a motion to accept the quote and to proceed with the project was made by Murphy. The motion was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:08 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary