

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES:
September 28, 2023**



2024 BUDGET HEARING

The 2024 Budget Hearing was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the Peru Public Library. The hearing was called to order by President Alison Paul at 6:30. The budget proposed for 2024 is \$566,247. There were no remonstrances from the public.

CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

ATTENDEES

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

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner, Brenda Weaver

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the July Board Meeting Minutes.

Correction of Maggart's first name in July minutes.

Motion to accept the July minutes with the correction was made by Maggart.

Motion seconded by Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of the August Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the August minutes was made by Maggart.

Motion seconded by Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Review of the July/August/September financial statements, claims, and bank statements.

Motion to accept the financial statements, claims, and bank statements was made by Murphy.

Motion seconded by Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regine Brindle presented the library with a book that was donated to the library by the author, Kim A. Nasr.

The book is titled *Sammy Star's Circus Adventure*.

AGENDA

DIRECTORS REPORT

- John and Julie Schwartz donated \$20,000 to the library again this year. Thank you notes have been sent.
- The 2024 Budget Adoption will be Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm.
- The Commitment to join the Indiana State Library Consortium (ERATE) for Public Library Internet Access for 2024-2025 was submitted.
- The WiFi Upgrade Project is scheduled for the 1st week of October.
- A cleaning company, Calfee Cleaning will be taking over the janitorial services, starting in October.
- Summer Reading Report: 426 participants, with 155 completing the program. We offered 34 programs at the library with an attendance of 832, and we offered 8 Wednesday at the Park programs with 1,621 in attendance.
- Renovation: the awning, carpeting, and security camera projects are finished. We are still working on the piece of metal hanging from the Huntington side of the roof.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Board member Rebekah Slack has resigned. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Paul. It was seconded by McDowell. The motion passed 5-1, with Maggart opposing. The County Council will be notified that we need a replacement.
- A discussion was held about Board Best Practices.
 - Phones cannot be used during meetings.
 - Board Meetings and Committee Meetings must be advertised and cannot be changed without prior notification of at least 48 hours.
 - Zoom meetings must also be advertised.

There was also a mention of possibly setting up a meeting with the State Library and Miami County Elected Officials to discuss the process of obtaining county-wide library service.

- The 2024 salary schedules were discussed. A copy can be found in the board pack. A motion to accept the 2024 salary schedule was made by Paul. It was seconded by Brindle. The motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Maggart, who abstained from the vote.
- There will be a change of date for the November and December board meetings. The meetings have been rescheduled to November 16, 2023 and December 14, 2023 due to the Holidays.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:21 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary