

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December 14, 2023**



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

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

### **ATTENDEES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regine Brindle, Stacy Mize, Alison Paul, and Gennell Taylor

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Regina McDowell and Leslie Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryan Maggart

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Paul officially welcomed new member Stacy Mize to the library board.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Due to Mize not being at the previous meeting, there was no quorum to vote on the previous minutes.

Approval of the November Minutes will be held off until the January meeting.

**Paul made a motion to skip the review of the financial statements until the end of the meeting and move to Item #5 (Announcements) on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Brindle. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **AGENDA**

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

- The County Council appointed Stacy Mize to the Library Board of Trustees. Stacy was sworn in on December 8th and her paperwork was filed at that time.
- The 2024 budget was approved by the State Board of Accounts for \$566,247. A copy can be found in the board packet.
- Discussion of the presentation given by Angela Fox from the State Library about what it would take to make a county library system. About 30 community members showed up and most of those people left the meeting understanding the process it would take to make a county library. New information from Angela received after the meeting offered some clarifications:

- it will take 20% of the **total** non-service district to sign the petition in favor of county service.
- Only registered voters can sign the petition
- These registered voters do **not** have to be property owners.
- All new board members returned their Internal Control paperwork to Farnham in time for the annual report.
- The Evergreen Indiana membership fee for 2024 is \$3,529.09.
- The metal sheeting that was damaged on Huntington Street has been fixed. The finished cost was \$950.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on end of the year financial account adjustments.

Motion to transfer \$650 from Operating to Unemployment made by Taylor.

Motion seconded by Brindle.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to transfer \$5,000 from Operating to LIRF made by Paul.

Motion seconded by Taylor.

Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the Treasurer was not present and did not send her recommendation about the November financial statements, claims, and bank statements, the review of these statements will be postponed until the January meeting.

**There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:00 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**