



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: February 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by President, Alison Paul.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regine Brindle, Bryan Maggart, Regina McDowell, Stacy Mize, Leslie Murphy and Alison Paul

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Gennell Taylor

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner, Brenda Weaver

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the January Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the January minutes was made by Maggart.

Motion seconded by Murphy.

Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Motion seconded by Brindle.

Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Northern Indiana Community Foundation sent their report of our funds and it is included in the Board Pack.
- The State Board of Accounts Report has been submitted.
- The Library Annual Report has been submitted.

- Peru Public Library statistics from 2023 were discussed. Our circulation statistics were up in 2023. A copy of these statistics can be found in the board pack.
- We have been working on getting the MyLibro App up and running for library patrons to use. This app will allow patrons to use our catalog with ease and will also house Beanstack and Libby. We are hoping to launch soon.
- The Employee Handbook Committee will be meeting to update the handbook on March 28, 2024 at 5:30. The Committee consists of Maggart, Paul, and McDowell.
- A Committee was appointed to update the Strategic Plan. Paul made a motion to appoint Maggart, Mize, and Paul to the Strategic Plan Committee. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Renovation (Immediate Needs) - Farnham reported the pot holes in the alley behind the library to the city and they were filled that same day.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of the information provided during the special meeting with the IU Environmental Resilience Institute on making upgrades to our facility. The Board feels that it is worthwhile to move forward and have the Institute do a scope of work proposal of what the library needs and help us find the funding through grants.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of a new service for the library called Hoopla. This is a streaming service that offers products to library patrons. The initial deposit will cost \$5,000. The Board feels positive about the product and as the cost is within the director's spending allowance, she will be moving forward with the product.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:31 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary