



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES:  
June 20, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees**

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

**ATTENDEES**

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

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner, Brenda Weaver

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

An election for officers was held. The members elected will serve from this time until June 2025. The slate of nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee were as follows:

PRESIDENT NOMINEES: Alison Paul and Bryan Maggart

VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE: Leslie Murphy

SECRETARY NOMINEE: Regine Brindle

TREASURER NOMINEE: Regina McDowell

After a vote for president was held, the Nominating Committee made a motion to accept the elected officers, which passed unanimously. The elected officers for the upcoming year are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Alison Paul (4-3 Vote)

VICE PRESIDENT: Leslie Murphy

SECRETARY: Regine Brindle

TREASURER: Regina McDowell

*A motion was made by Paul to discuss amending the agenda to move New Business after the Financials. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

*After discussion, a motion was made to actually amend the agenda moving New Business by Paul. Brindle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Review of the May Board Meeting Minutes and the Strategic Plan Committee Minutes.

Motion to accept both sets of minutes was made by Murphy.

Motion seconded by Taylor.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Motion to accept the financial statements made by McDowell.

Motion seconded by Mize.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion about library cards for students at Peru Community Schools. Murphy was approached by a School Board Member and parent about the issue and wanted clarification. Several circumstances surrounding issuing student cards were brought to light. Murphy may look into other public libraries in our area to see what they do regarding student cards.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Library received a thank you note from North Miami Schools for giving free books for students with perfect attendance.
- *Heartland Magazine* had a small blurb about Movers and Shakers (our toddler music program).

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

- Brindle and Maggart were reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees. Both members already took the Oath of Office and their paperwork was filed.
- The Board approved Strategic Plan was submitted to the Indiana State Library.
- The Library received a one-time LIT (Local Income Tax) payment of \$13,189.00.
- A committee was appointed to work on the 2025 budget. The appointees consist of Paul, McDowell, and Taylor. A motion to accept the appointees was made by Alison Paul. The motion was seconded by Mize . The motion passed unanimously.
- Our 2024 Summer Reading Program is in full swing. We have 404 participants currently enrolled in the reading portion of our program. (75 adults, 39 teens, 290 kids 12 and under) Our activities have been well attended so far this summer.
- Renovations
  - Looking into purchasing shelving for the Children's Room through money from the Schwartz Fund.
  - Landscaping around the sign is still planned, but we have not been notified of a start date.
  - Lighting Project still in the works but nothing new to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The Employee Handbook needs to be tabled. Farnham will send it to the attorney and report back.

**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)

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**Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary**