



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: July 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, July 25, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by Vice President, Leslie Murphy.

ATTENDEES

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

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Alison Paul

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner, Brenda Weaver

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

Regine Brindle read an article about the library that she found in a newspaper from 1904.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the June Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Maggart.

Motion seconded by Taylor.

Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Motion to accept the financial statements made by Maggart.

Motion seconded by Brindle.

Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- The Peru Public Library was found in compliance with Public Library Standards. A copy of this letter from the Indiana State Library can be found in the July board pack.
- An updated list of the Library Board members' contact information and their appointing agencies can be found in the July board pack.
- Less than a week is left of our 2024 Summer Reading Program. We have 464 participants enrolled in the reading portion of our program. (89 adults, 47 teens, 328 kids)

12 and under) Our activities have been well attended so far this summer. The Foam Parties have been a hit and our Thursday programs have been a huge success. We will have more info about the final numbers for 2024 at the August meeting.

- Renovations
 - The automatic flushing devices on toilets located on the Children's Floor have been changed to manual flushing devices.
 - We are still looking into new shelving options for the books on the Children's Floor. This would be paid for by the grant from the Schwartz family.
 - Landscaping around the sign is still planned, it should be starting soon now that the circus parade is complete.
 - Lighting Project still in the works. We have estimates to discuss in the New Business section of the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Library's lawyer, Elizabeth Price, looked over the approved Employee Handbook. She did not see any legal issues and thought that everything made sense, especially with Indiana being at At-Will State.

NEW BUSINESS

- Members signed the Board of Trustees Code of Ethics, which can be found in the July board pack.
- The Commitment to join the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access for 2025-2026 was signed by board members. A motion to accept the ERATE Consortium for 2025-2026 was made by Maggart. The motion was seconded by McDowell. The motion passed unanimously and the board members signed the contract.
- Quotes for the Lighting Project are included in the July board pack. This project will replace the lighting on the 2nd floor and the basement office. Ringo Marketing quoted us \$8,380.88 for the project, while J & J Electric quoted us \$10,921 for the project, with a possible \$2,300 for new fixtures in the adult area.
 - Maggart made a motion to discuss the quotes. The motion was seconded by Brindle. The motion passed unanimously and discussion ensued.
 - Taylor made the motion to table the discussion until the August meeting so that Farnham could get more information from one of the vendors. Maggart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Murphy at 7:03 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary