



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, April 24, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

As Regine Brindle was absent, Bryan Maggart was appointed as secretary pro tem for this meeting.

ATTENDEES

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

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Regine Brindle

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the March 2025 Minutes.

February Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes will be approved at a later date due to Secretary Brindle's absence.

Motion to accept March minutes was made by Maggart.

Motion seconded by Taylor.

Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Motion seconded by Maggart.

Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Update on the Lavengood Estate: The auction for the parcels of farmland is still planned for June. The estate is still being contested by a family member and we are unsure about what will happen with the home.

- The 2020-2023 newspapers have been sent for microfilming and digitization. The microfilm reels of the Peru Republican have also been sent out for digitization.
- The Library will be closed on Thursday, May 15th for a staff training day. The staff will be trained in Mental Health First Aid from 4C Health (see attached flyer) and we will also have training for the upcoming Summer Reading Program on this date.
- Farnham and Spangler met with the Superintendent of Peru Community Schools and with the principals from each building to discuss partnering for the Summer Reading Program. Peru schools will now be endorsing the Peru Public Library's Summer Reading Program as the official program of Peru Schools. The school corporation will be purchasing 3-month cards for students that do not live in our service district.
- Defunding of the IMLS update. We are still unsure how this will affect our library. The ALA has a lawsuit against the government. It will be hard for our library when it is time to budget for next year as so many things are unknown about future costs for services.
- Regina McDowell was reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees by the City Council. She has been sworn in for her next term and all the proper paperwork has been filed.
- Renovation
 - Children's Room Windows- Harris Glass has begun the replacement of the windows on the Children's Floor.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- The Non-Resident Card Fee Committee met with Farnham on April 17, 2025. This committee consisted of Paul, Mize, and Taylor.
 - The committee recommends the board raise the Non-Resident Card Fee to \$85 for an annual card, while leaving the 3-month card at \$25.
 - Motion was seconded by Taylor.
 - Motion passed 5-1, with Maggart being opposed.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:15 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

MINUTES REVIEWED BY: Bryan Maggart, Secretary Pro Tem

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Bryan Maggart - Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary Pro Tem