



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: February 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025. 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, Alison Paul and Gennell Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Director- Maryann Farnham and Assistant Director- Michelle Spangler, Library Attorney- Elizabeth Price

Motion to amend the agenda made by Paul. Motion seconded by Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change agenda to move New Business (8b) to Announcements made by Paul. Motion seconded by Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the January minutes was made by Maggart.

Motion seconded by McDowell.

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 Maggart.

Motion seconded by Brindle.

Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elizabeth Price spoke to the trustees about the Lavengood Estate. Paul Lavengood left a portion of his estate to the Peru Public Library in his will. Once the property is sold, the library will receive 40% of the final proceeds.
 - A motion to accept the gift of the Lavengood Estate on behalf of the library was made by Paul. Motion was seconded by Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

- A motion to authorize Elizabeth Price to execute the affidavit of death was made by Paul. Motion was seconded by Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve Halderman as the listing agent of the farm property was made by Paul and seconded by McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion to accept Miles Realty as the listing agent of the Lavengood home was made by Paul and seconded by Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion to authorize Alison Paul as a signer for the bill of sale of the Lavengood properties was made by Paul. The motion was seconded by Brindle. The motion passed with six affirmatives and Maggart abstaining from the vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The State Board of Accounts Report is submitted.
- The Library Annual Report is submitted.
- Legislative Update
 - Senate Bill 1 is a property tax reform bill that will cut millions of dollars from community services, including library funding across the state. This will have an impact on the Peru Public Library.
 - Dolly Parton Imagination Library funding was cut in Indiana. Governor Braun appointed his wife to find the matching funds required to keep the project going in Indiana.
- The Northern Indiana Community Foundation report can be found in the board pack. The library will be receiving approximately \$6,443 in 2025.
- A Non-Resident Fee Committee was appointed to look at the prices of a non-resident card here at the library. The committee consists of Taylor, Mize, and Paul.
- A Friends of the Library Committee was appointed to work on getting an active Friends of the Library group reestablished here at the library. The committee consists of Maggart, Murphy, Brindle, and Paul.
- A 2026 Budget Committee was appointed in order to begin looking into the library budget for next year. The committee consists of Maggart, McDowell, Taylor, and Paul.
- A motion was made to accept all of the committee nominations (Non-Resident Fee Committee, Friends of the Library Committee, and 2026 Budget Committee) was made by Paul and seconded by Mize. The motion passed unanimously.
- Renovation
 - Children's Room Windows- Harris Glass plans to start the window replacement in March, we have no start date as of yet. The Rediscover Downtown Peru grant application has been sent in and we should hear if we received the grant by March 15.
 - We are still working on replacing the shelves on the Children's floor. Farnham has met with several vendors for possible designs and estimates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Electronic Funds Transfer- The Board of Trustees signed a resolution form to approve EFT on accounts dealing with payroll and payment to vendors paid from the Peru Public Library bank accounts.
 - A motion was made to approve paying by EFT payment was made by Paul and seconded by Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:55 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Regine Brindle - Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary