



BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, May 22, 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, Alison Paul, and Gennell Taylor

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Leslie Murphy

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of the February 2025 Minutes, the February 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, the April 2025 Minutes, and the April 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept all minutes was made by Taylor.

Motion seconded by Maggart.

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 Taylor.

Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Update on the partnership with the Peru Community Schools.
 - The school sent out a letter to the students who were eligible to receive a card funded by the schools through Title 1 funds. The stats as of today: We had 2 students who received non-resident cards, 3 students who received the letter but live within city limits, 2 family

members of students who had the letter got cards, and we have had 0 people who received the letter but already had a card.

- Update on the Lavengood Estate
 - Everything appears to be the same as our last update. 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.
- Update on the Defunding of the IMLS, SB-1, and State Library Cuts
 - Farnham and Spangler received an update at our Director's meeting from a librarian who spoke with Jake Spear from the Indiana State Library. The following was reported:
 - We should see no significant changes until the 2028 budget.
 - It's possible the bill will be changed in the next budget cycle.
 - It sounds like the State Library has already received the budget for 2025 to help fund some of the services we are currently using, such as Info Express.
 - Some libraries may fall out of standards due to funding cuts.
- Microfilm Grants
 - Mize sent a list of 4 grant opportunities for microfilm for Farnham to investigate.
 - The first was a federal grant that would need a grant writer.
 - There was an advantage archives grant that was part of Covid Relief and is no longer available, as ARPA funds have been dispersed.
 - The grant from Indiana has been suspended because of funding issues.
 - There was a grant from the National Humanities as well. When we looked into the link, it was to purchase microfilm from their catalog, not to digitize it.
- A discussion was held as to whether the library should purchase an [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) subscription. Conversation will be tabled until June and Maggart will try to gather information from the Logansport-Cass County Public Library.
- Renovation
 - The installation of the windows in the Children's Room are complete. We will now be looking for a company to clean all the library windows.
 - Farnham is looking into resealing and striping the parking lot with Hobbs, which will cost \$1,969.
 - Farnham is looking into an outdoor lighting project which includes replacing the light bulbs, replacing the light fixtures, and painting the poles and railings.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A committee to elect officers was appointed unanimously by the trustees. Elections will be held during the June meeting. The committee consists of McDowell and Mize.
- The June meeting will be moved to Monday, June 16 at 6:30 in the library.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 7:51 PM.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director
MINUTES REVIEWED BY: Regine Brindle, Secretary

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
(Signature and Date)

Regine Brindle - Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary