



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Future of the Library February 15, 2025

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Peru Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Psi Iota Xi Room of the Peru Public Library on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The meeting began at 1:30 pm.

ATTENDEES

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

MEMBER APOLOGIES:

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

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The Library Board of Trustees met to discuss the future goals of the Peru Public Library and possible ideas that could be implemented to meet those future objectives. Ideas included:

- Have some specific goals and steps that are attainable and less vague in our strategic plan.
- More training opportunities and continuing education for the staff.
- Board members speaking to community organizations and businesses to see what their needs are that can be met by the library. Possibly hire a consultant to construct a thorough strategic plan.
- Look into a grant for digitization of newspapers.
- Look into getting genealogy databases.
- Building renovations on more of a scheduled plan.
- Delivery outreach to older shut-in patrons and nursing homes.
- Possibly get a library vehicle for outreach.
- Look into other revenue resources and continue our excellent fiscal management as the government continues to slash funds. Find community partners to help with this endeavor.
- Continue good board dynamics and relationships amongst trustee members. Possibly start nurturing people that could someday come on the board.
- Try to start an active Friends of the Library group.
- Continue to focus on literacy for the youth of Miami County and getting books into the hands of children.
- Look to increase the number of staff employees and staff pay in the future.
- Work of facility, including: outdoor lighting, windows, office space, parking lot, AC unit, space for collection.
- Possibly purchase the building next door to make a library annex.
- How to handle our unhoused population as we move forward in the future.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director

SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Signature and Date)

Regine Brindle, Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary