

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES:  
April 23, 2026**



**CALL TO ORDER FOR BOARD MEETING - Board of Trustees**

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Peru Public Library was held on Thursday, April 23, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and was presided over by President Alison Paul.

**ATTENDEES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Belinda Bomhoff, Regine Brindle, Denise Gornto, Alison Paul, and Gennell Taylor

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Leslie Murphy

MEMBER ABSCENCES: Stacy Mize

STAFF PRESENT: Director Maryann Farnham and Assistant Director Michelle Spangler

PUBLIC PRESENT: Staff from QPH

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

*Paul made a motion to amend the agenda. Gornto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Paul made a motion to move the discussion with QPH immediately following approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.*

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Review of the March 2026 Minutes.

Motion to accept March minutes was made by Taylor.

Motion seconded by Brindle.

The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION WITH QPH STAFF**

QPH explained the issues with the HVAC and the replacement proposal. The trustees asked questions to gain a comprehensive understanding of the plan. Discussion will continue during Old Business.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Maryann Farnham, Director, was asked to sign check #27214-27227 plus EFT for Elan Financial Services by Treasurer, Regine Brindle.

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

Motion seconded by Taylor.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pipe Creek sent a thank you to library staff for attending their Kindergarten Roundup.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- NICF Funded Cards Update: We have about 75 funded cards left for county residents.
- Update on the Lavengood Estate
  - We will be voting on an additional approval in New Business.
- We are in the process of having our website reworked into an ADA compliant format through the Indiana Office of Technology.
- NICF Annual Distribution
  - Miller-Fetter Fund \$4,114.00
  - Sharp Fund \$2,542.00
- We have been getting sponsors for the Story Walk. It costs \$200 to sponsor for the month. With that the sponsor gets promotion on the Story Walk, the library sign, and on social media.
- Microfilm Digitization
  - A motion was made by Paul to digitize the Miami County Sentinel (1848-1925) from the Miller-Fetter Fund, The Peru Daily Chronicle (1897-1926) from the Carnegie Funds, and the Peru Morning Chronicle (1925-1926) from the Carnegie Funds.
  - The motion was seconded by Brindle.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- Board Member Expiration Dates: The terms for the following board members expire on May 31, 2026: Alison Paul, Leslie Murphy, and Stacy Mize. Paul and Murphy plan to seek reappointment. Mize has decided to depart at the end of her term.
- The Library Annual Report is still in progress. It is due on May 4, 2026.
- The Bylaw committee, consisting of Paul, Gornto, and Taylor will plan to meet.
- Renovation
  - Part of the shelving on the Children's Floor has been installed. Due to an error on the manufacturing side of things, not all of the parts were delivered for the shelving on the east side of the room. Those will be installed as soon as the correct parts are ready.
  - The program room and the fire escape windows will be installed the week of May 11-15.
  - AC Unit discussion was moved earlier in the agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The AC unit needs to be replaced. We asked 3 companies for quotes. Days Heating & Cooling did not submit a quote as they decided they did not want the job. QPH submitted a quote for \$87,643.04 and Current Mechanical submitted a quote for \$129,935.
  - A motion was made by Brindle to accept the bid submitted by QPH.
  - The motion was seconded by Taylor.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion on which funds to use to pay for the new HVAC unit.
  - A motion was made by Paul to use private money to pay for the HVAC unit with the determination of which fund to use being tabled until the next meeting.
  - The motion was seconded by Gornto.
  - The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lavengood Estate
  - A motion was made by Paul to give Elizabeth Price authorization to approve legal expenses associated with the Lavengood case as proportioned to the inheritance.
  - The motion was seconded by Taylor.
  - The motion passed unanimously.

**There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by President Paul at 8:41 PM.**

**MINUTES PREPARED BY: Michelle Spangler, Assistant Director**

**MINUTES REVIEWED BY: Gennell Taylor, Secretary**

### **SECRETARY APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

(Signature and Date)

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**Gennell Taylor - Peru Public Library Board of Trustees Secretary**