

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees
May 13, 2026

Attendees: Patrick Andrews, Stacey Bousquet, Rocky Divoll, Theresa Guynup, Diane Haight, Kris Minster, Marque Moffett, Parker O'Mara, Sara Richman, Melissa Whyman.

Guests: Jeanette Kononan, Faith Monzeglio.

The meeting was called to order by President Parker at 7:00 pm. The agenda was amended to move an item about a new board member to the end of the meeting. The amended agenda was approved with a motion by Pat and seconded by Theresa. The minutes of the April meeting were approved with a motion by Theresa and seconded by Marque.

Public Comments—Faith Monzeglio introduced herself as a member of the community interested in the Library. Parker invited her to listen to the meeting tonight.

Director's Report—Stacey provided statistics for April for the number of patrons, volunteer hours, attendees at story hour, book group, workshops, Community Learning Series and tutoring sessions. The first of three America 250 events was held in April with 35 attendees. A visit was made to our Library by the Saranac Central Middle School Library Club with 20 enthusiastic students. A free grocery day at our Library sponsored by Unitary America was held on May 9th with 25 people participating.

Stacey attended a Summer Reading Workshop through CEFLS as she is preparing for this summer. She also applied for a Lake Placid Education Foundation Grant for \$1200 to help with the costs of art receptions and to create an art gallery in the Tween Room. The previous Art Exhibit by Renee Gifford profited the Library \$135. The new Art Exhibit by Megan Charland and Sara Acors is now available. The Library earned a \$775 dividend as a member of a safety group with Utica National Insurance Group.

Stacey submitted the Annual Report for the Library to the state. The Library credit card is now available for Stacey to utilize when placing orders. Also she and her husband have been doing spring garden cleanup and tree trimming at the Library.

Upcoming programs at the Library include:

- WITS workshop sponsored by the Senior Center
- Travel to India program
- Battle of Valcour presentation as part of the America 250 series
- "Visiting Old Photos of Clinton County" by Anastasia Pratt, Clinton County Historian
- Community Learning Series about bike maintenance
- Hardanger Embroidery Class
- Peru Veterans and Founding of the Town as part of the America 250 series
- Introduction of Cyanotype Workshop

Visits to the Library by the Pre-K classes at Peru Central School will be made in June. The librarians will be at the Peru Town Market in June.

Treasurer's Report—The balances for the accounts are checking--\$5,076.90, money market--\$56,931.32 and CD--\$26,882.12. The total for all the accounts is \$88,890.34.

Building and Maintenance Report—Rocky has been completing spring cleanup jobs with bushes and trees. He will also be donating a push lawn mower to the Library.

Old Business—The extra security charge from Stored Tech of \$40 per month was discussed. Parker and Marque will pursue whether this is necessary for the Library since we already have a firewall in place. This expenditure was not in the budget so a motion was made by Theresa and seconded by Sara to continue paying the fee until a decision is made indicating if this extra security was necessary. The motion passed.

New Business—The Annual Report for the State was approved with a motion by Diane and seconded by Rocky. The motion passed.

The Library is in need of a vacuum cleaner for times between the twice monthly routine cleaning. Since this item was not budgeted, a motion was made by Marque and seconded by Pat to purchase the vacuum for \$220. The motion passed.

Committee Reports—

Policy Committee—No Report.

Fund Raising Committee—The posters have been distributed throughout the Town of Peru requesting photos to be submitted by the end of May for the Library 2027 Peru Calendar. The Library Book Sale will be June 10th to 13th. Marque attended a Town of Peru Board meeting and announced both of these projects.

Long Range Planning Committee—The Community Survey for the Library will be available during the month of June online or use a paper copy. There is a QR code on a form to be distributed in local stores and at the Town Market for those who want to do the online survey. Paper copies of the survey will need to be returned to the Library building.

Budget Committee—No Report.

The dates for the next meetings are August 12th and September 9th.

At this time the guests attending the meeting were excused. The Board voted to accept Jeannette Kononan as a new member of the Board. Congratulations! There was a discussion to create a committee to develop a procedure for prospective board member selection. Marque and Theresa will pursue suggestions for this through the Trustee Handbook and our consultant at CEFLS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm with a motion by Rocky and seconded by Sara.

