

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees
June 2nd, 2022
In Person and Video Conference Meeting

Attendees: Patrick Andrews, Rocky Divoll, Diane Haight, Marque Moffett, Parker O'Mara, Becky Pace, Sara Richman. Videoconference attendee: Sandy Divoll
Absent: Terri Cioppa, Tracy Orkin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Marque. The agenda was approved with a correction to Item 2 with a motion by Rocky and seconded by Pat. The minutes of the March meeting were approved with a motion by Sara and seconded by Pat. The April meeting of the Board was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum for an in person meeting as a result of the COVID pandemic. The May meeting was postponed to June 1st as Becky and Marque were not available for the regular meeting date.

Director's Report—Becky has not received any information about the Library Construction Grant from the State office and will probably be notified before CEFLS will be. The Annual Report submitted to the State office has been approved; only 1/3rd of all the libraries in the state had their annual reports approved.

The Library will be having a summer program for children during the last three weeks of July. This camp will include the Story Crafters and Nan Hoffman as guests. Mr. Badger will be having an Art Camp either at the Library or Heyworth Park.

CEFLS has awarded a Family Program Mini-Grant for \$200 to the Peru Free Library. Becky has applied for a grant from the Lake Placid Education Foundation for this year. Passes to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake are available to our patrons to discount the admission price. CEFLS has purchased one pass for each library in the system, and our Library already had purchased one pass so now there are two available to our patrons.

The parking area in front of the building will be fixed by the State DOT before winter. Becky swept up the debris that was on that part of the road.

On Tuesday when the Library opened Becky heard an animal trapped in the wall near the stairway. Wednesday she could still hear it scratching and on Thursday she called Jim Burgess of Nuisance Wildlife Control to retrieve the squirrel from inside the wall which he did successfully. It appears there was a hole in the peak of the rear building where the slate roof meets the tile roof so he temporarily repaired the hole and will return to permanently repair it. If the Library Construction Grant is received, the hole will no longer exist. The cost for Mr. Burgess's services is \$500 which will be covered by funds from the Money Market account since it is an unbudgeted item.

President's Report—Marque would like the June 22nd meeting to be a reception for the Board members, the Library volunteers, Stacey, Ann and Town of Peru Board members to have the opportunity to socialize. Board members are asked to volunteer to provide snacks.

Treasurer's Report—The balances in the accounts are checking--\$8192.36, savings--\$285.82 and Money Market--\$75,891.47. The Budget vs. Actuals Report has been received by Board members from Shelley.

Building/Maintenance Report—Rocky will be checking the outside of the building for any repairs needed following the winter. He will also repair the drywall that needed to be cut away to rescue the squirrel.

Subcommittee Status Reports—No reports.

Old Business—No report.

New Business—Marque reported that any board or similar organization funded by public money must follow the New York State meeting laws which includes the public being allowed to attend a meeting. A hybrid meeting of in person and video conference is allowed as long as there is a quorum at the in person meeting. The COVID rules for meetings that existed will no longer be followed.

A motion was made by Sara and seconded by Rocky as follows:

The Peru Free Library Board of Trustees will allow Board members to attend the meetings via video conference with full voting rights as long as a quorum of members are available to attend in person as required by New York State Law.

The motion was passed. This motion will be added to the Library Bylaws under Article II, Meetings, at the Annual Meeting in January.

For the next Board meeting agenda, the Board will consider the cost and options of a Library Zoom account.

Library Moment—“Weeding in the Library” occurs every few years by the Librarians for various collections. This year the Adult Fiction genre was chosen with books issued to the Library since 2015. If a book has not been circulated frequently or been damaged in some manner, they are removed from the shelves. The open space on the shelves allows for books to be displayed for patrons. The classic collection is never “weeded.” A book sale is being considered for October which would allow books that are being removed from the shelves to be sold. At this time some quality toys are being added to the Children’s Room as well as puppets and an easel with paper for drawing.

The date for the next meeting is June 22nd which will be a social meeting at 6:00 pm. The Board will not meet in July and August. The first meeting for the fall will be September 7th.

A motion was made by Rocky and seconded by Sara to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.