

## Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees

January 14, 2026

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

Since one member of the Board was not present yet, it was decided to hold the regular meeting prior to the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Parker at 7:05 pm. The agenda was approved with a motion by Pat and seconded by Theresa. The minutes of the December meeting were approved with a motion by Sara and seconded by Rocky. There were no Public Comments as there were no community members in attendance.

Director's Report—Stacey provided statistics for December for the number of patrons, volunteer hours, attendees at Story Hour (3 sessions this month), book group, the Holiday Open House, workshops and tutoring sessions. Stacey thanked the volunteers who assisted her in setting up for various programs during December as well as Steve Collier who removes snow and ice from the sidewalk at the Library. The Caring Cupboard in the lobby has had many donations and community members are helping themselves to the food items. Also the ADK Diaper program through CEFLS is being utilized by the community. For the winter the Library is offering free coffee, tea and hot chocolate to anyone who visits the building. The current Art Exhibit by Abigail Duquette will continue through March 7<sup>th</sup>. There are free wall calendars available to any patrons.

Stacey prepared the "Year in Review 2025" for the Library which provided statistics about Library services, financial information for donations and grants as well as a written report about the community involvement with the Library. This Review 2025 will be posted on the Library Facebook page and webpage as well as on the bulletin board in the entryway.

Upcoming programs at the Library include:

- Portrait Drawing Workshops
- Community Learning Series about ice fishing
- Community Conversations Connection Table with JJ Murnane—an opportunity to meet with other members of the community for an open discussion
- Bookmark Workshop

President's Report—No Report.

Treasurer's Report—The balances for the accounts are checking--\$7,558.47, money market--\$37,138.61 and CD--\$26,573.94. The total for all accounts is \$71,271.02.

The CD will need to be renewed in February, and Sara will provide the current rate at the next Board meeting. The Budget vs. Actual report for 2025 was also reviewed.

Building/Maintenance Report—Rocky hung a painting that was donated by Greg Badger near the circulation desk. Rocky is also planning on updating the lamp posts outside the Library building.

Old Business—

Stacey provided information on the use of security cameras at the Mooers Library which includes indoor and outdoor cameras that require a dedicated monitor for observation of the screens. She mainly would like cameras in the downstairs of the Library especially when there is only one staff member present. She will be pursuing other options for security cameras and provide information at the next meeting.

Sara spoke to TD Bank about a credit card for the Library to be used when making any purchases rather than the debit card the Library currently has. She was told that the credit card would have to be in her name since the Library doesn't have "credit " although all our banking is through TD Bank. The Board doesn't agree with an individual's name being on the Library credit card. Sara will discuss further with TD Bank other options that would be available.

New Business—Marque reported that Eric Duquette will be the liaison from the Town for 2026.

Committee Reports—

Policy Committee—No Report.

Fund Raising Committee—The committee is currently gathering prices from printing companies about a calendar of Peru pictures for 2027. Depending on those prices they would like to sell the calendars for approximately \$20-\$25 and have them available for sale at community events and local stores.

Long Range Committee—No Report.

Budget Committee—No Report.

The dates for the next meetings are February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm with a motion by Pat and seconded by Theresa.

A motion was made by Marque and seconded by Theresa to move to Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Rocky and seconded by Pat to leave Executive Session at 8:32 pm.

A motion was made by Marque and seconded by Sara to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.