

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees

December 10, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order by President Parker at 6:58 pm. The agenda was approved with a motion by Pat and seconded by Theresa. The minutes of the November 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 November for the number of patrons, volunteer hours, attendees at Story Hour (3 sessions this month), book group, art show reception, workshops and tutoring sessions. The Caring Cupboard, set up in the foyer, has had several donations and members of the community have been helping themselves to the items. In the Children's Room a large cardboard gingerbread house is available for decorating and playing in it. The current Art Exhibit by Greg Badger will continue until January 3rd.

Upcoming programs at the Library include:

- Holiday Open House with live music
- Gingerbread house decorating
- Art Reception for Abigail Duquette who does graphic design

There have been two issues, one involving a tutoring student and the other involving teenage boys, that have occurred. Since there are areas of the Library, especially downstairs, where the librarians cannot see from their location, Stacey will be researching the purchase of cameras for observation of these spaces.

Stacey is requesting a credit card for use by the Library with purchases rather than a debit card. Sara will check on this at TD Bank.

President's Report—No Report.

Treasurer's Report—The balances for the accounts are checking--\$7,572.92, money market--\$43,601.64 and CD--\$26,495.76. The total for all accounts is \$77,670.32.

Building/Maintenance Report—Stacey asked Rocky to check on the heat situation in the Children's Room on Tuesday, and he decided to have Hogan's repair the circulator on the furnace.

Old Business—No Report.

New Business—Stacey asked for volunteers to assist with moving tables for different events at the Library.

Committee Reports—

Policy Committee—No Report.

Fund Raising Committee—The online auction held by the Library during November consisted of 19 items with an income of \$1,228.54. After fees from the website were deducted the Library received \$1,181.50. Suggestions for the next auction would be to expand the number of items including soliciting from the local artisan community and to have additional volunteers from the Board to help soliciting items. The committee has also discussed having a picture calendar of notable locations in the Peru community which would be for 2027.

Long Range Committee—No Report.

Budget Committee—No Report.

The dates for the next meetings are January 14th (Annual meeting and regular monthly meeting) and February 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm with a motion by Pat and seconded by Sara.