

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees
December 7, 2022
In Person Meeting

Attendees: Patrick Andrews, Terri Cioppa, Rocky Divoll, Sandy Divoll, Diane Haight, Marque Moffett, Parker O'Mara, Tracy Orkin, Becky Pace, Sara Richman.
Town of Peru Liaison: Mel Irwin

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Marque. The agenda was approved with a motion by Sandy and seconded by Pat. The minutes of the November meeting were approved with a motion by Sara and seconded by Rocky.

Director's Report—Becky completed a reapplication for part of the Library Construction Grant due to the delay in awarding the funds. She contacted both of the contractors involved to confirm they will do the construction in 2023.

Rocky contacted a fire extinguisher inspection company so that process is now complete. For the inspection next year, the smoke detectors should also be included.

Jim Burgess of the Nuisance Wildlife Control has completed the permanent repair of the hole in the peak of the rear building where squirrels have entered. When the construction is finished next year, the problem of the hole itself will no longer exist.

Rocky fixed the loose cables on the solar panels on the back of the building.

The current art exhibit, "The Potters Guild and Art by Matt McGarr" will be held through January 13th. Eleven potters are displaying their work at the show.

The previous art exhibit "Thirteen Sundays" was a group of 15 Plein Air artists who met on Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The sales of their works provided a \$662 commission for the Library.

Funding and Grants—The mini-grant from CEFLS for children's summer programming has been approved for \$600. The funds of \$10,000 owed by Peru Central School to the Library has been received. The TD Bank Infinity Program has earned \$3,083 for the Library.

In some cases the Plein Air artists, in lieu of pieces they did not want to sell, made donations to the Library in addition to the commission for works that were sold. Char Newman made a donation of \$4,500 to the Library in recognition of the Library's involvement with the exhibit.

Sandy suggested that on the Library Facebook page and the Library newsletter a list of the donors to the Library should be printed, without donation amounts, as a thanks to each of them. This could occur during National Library Week in April.

President's Report—Marque reminded the Board members that the Annual Meeting will be held in January. She will be sending out the forms for the Library Director's Evaluation to be discussed at the meeting. The actual evaluation will be presented to Becky in April.

Treasurer's Report—The balances for the accounts are checking--\$5,882.02 and money market--\$61,116.90. The savings account has now been closed and the funds deposited in the money market account. Shelley Fracalosi, our accountant, will be retiring at the end of 2022. She has recommended Forest Edwards to be considered as our new accountant.

Building/ Maintenance Report—Becky has already provided this information.

Old Business—The Library had set up a Zoom account during the COVID pandemic for the book group to meet. Therefore if there is a special situation where a meeting is needed immediately, a Zoom meeting can be held. This is not an option for a public meeting as determined by New York State rules.

New Business—No Report.

Library Moment—Becky explained that when the Library accepts the commission of 25% for Art Show sales, the funds are dedicated to promote the arts. She used half of the most recent commission to employ a local artist to design a bookmark for the Peru Free Library with a drawing of the Library building on one side and a similar drawing of the building on the other side with information about Library hours, website and the theme “it feels like coming home” on the other side. The bookmark is in a plastic casing.

The dates for the next two regular meetings are January 4th and February 1st. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 4th in conjunction with the regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm with a motion by Sandy and seconded by Sara.