

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees

April 8, 2026

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

Guest: Jeanette Kononan, prospective Board member.

The meeting was called to order by President Parker at 7:01 pm. The agenda was approved with a motion by Pat and seconded by Theresa. The minutes of the March meeting were approved with a motion by Rocky and seconded by Pat. There were no public comments as there were no community members in attendance. Jeanette Kononan was introduced as a prospective board member.

Director's Report—Stacey provided statistics for March for the number of patrons, volunteer hours, attendees at story hour, book group, workshops, Community Learning Series and tutoring sessions.

Stacey attended a meeting of the CEF Director's Association on zoom to discuss all the libraries' websites being ADA compliant which is required by the New York State Library. Also she participated in a webinar of the revised Director's Handbook Book Club focused during this session on the NYS minimum standards for libraries. Stacey, as the librarian is responsible for our Library meeting all the minimum standards. Another webinar Stacey attended is about libraries being a friendly place for neurodivergent patrons. This could include a sensory station being available for these patrons. Stacey will be writing a grant to the Lions Club to ask for funds to create the sensory station. At the same time there are volunteers weeding the juvenile non-fiction books in the Library to provide space for the sensory station. In April Stacey will be attending a CEFLS program on summer reading programs.

The Library received a \$650 grant from Stewart's to support the summer reading station. Four Board members had their picture taken recently with two staff from Stewart's with an enlarged check from Stewart's. The Peru Central School District Superintendent approved the Library to be able to use their Parentsquare Platform for publicizing our community survey as well as any children and family programs. The Town of Peru has approved the use of the Heyworth Mason Park for a Library family program and waived the \$50 park use fee. The Saranac Central School Book Club toured our Library in February and has now donated a young adult book to the Library.

The Annual Report for our Library was completed on time and sent to CEFLS for review. When it is returned and any changes are made, the report will be made available to the Board.

Upcoming programs at the Library include:

- Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Writing Workshops with Lauren McGovern—one on Post-traumatic growth and the second of Storytelling with Art
- WITS Workshop sponsored by Senior Center
- Community Learning Series about Bees
- Art Exhibit by Sara Acors and Megan Charland
- Bird walk on the Little Ausable River Trail.

Treasurer's Report—The balances for the accounts are checking--\$8065.76, money market--\$49,617.47 and CD--\$26,813.80. The total for all accounts is \$84,497.03. The Budget vs. Actual Report was reviewed. Allison has requested the purchase of an ergonomic chair for her use. The Board directed Allison to pursue purchase of the chair.

Building and Maintenance Report—Rocky has been waiting for better weather to complete different outside projects for the Library. Since spring has probably arrived, he plans to be busy in the next few weeks.

Old Business—Stored Tech now has an extra security charge of \$40 each month to provide enhanced oversight by the company. Parker recommended that the fee be paid.

Stacey has applied for a Library credit card with Commerce Bank but has been delayed due to their required paperwork.

New Business—The Code of Conduct policy, required by NYS, was discussed and some changes were made to it. A motion was made by Theresa and seconded by Sara to approve the policy. The motion passed.

A Meeting Space policy that had been previously written needed to be renewed. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Kris to approve the policy. The motion passed.

Committee Reports—

Policy Committee—No report.

Fund Raising Committee—A poster seeking pictures for the Library 2027 Community Calendar will be distributed throughout Peru and online with Facebook and the Library website on April 21st. The photos must be taken within the Town of Peru and submitted by May 31st.

The Library Book Sale will be held on June 10th to 13th. Books can be donated prior to that time.

Long Range Planning Committee—The Peru Free Library Community Input Survey will be available beginning May 28th and will need to be completed by June 30th. The survey can be

accessed by posters throughout the town with the QR Code and the Peru Central School Parentsquare Platform as another online source. Paper copies will be available at the Library.

The dates for the next meetings are May 13th and August 12th. No meetings are held in June and July.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm with a motion by Rocky and seconded by Pat.