

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees
August 20, 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 7:00 pm. Stacey has asked that the “Library Moment” be removed from the agenda since all her information is in the Director’s Report. The agenda was approved with a motion by Sara and seconded by Rocky. The minutes of the May meeting were approved with a motion by Pat and seconded by Marque.

Director’s Report—Stacey provided statistics for June and July for the number of patrons, volunteer hours, Story Hour attendees for June and book club group at the Library. She also provided information about the number of attendees at a talk by Kate Messner, the Homeschool Art class, several workshops and tutoring sessions. There were 66 students from the Peru School PreK classes that visited the Library in June. The book sale in June had 128 attendees and earned \$1585 for the Library. Stacey and Allison were present at the Peru Town Market in June providing information about the Library to 119 people.

The new computers that were installed recently have had some issues with the ones for public use while the staff ones are working fine. Stacey has been pursuing fixing the problems. A “Gather and Craft Group” meets once each month. The free diaper program is still available.

During the summer there were five programs for children with 269 attendees. A celebration of “Make your own sundae” was held at the end of the reading program for which 40 children signed up and 18 reached their goal.

Upcoming programs at the Library include:

- A visit by Steve Kenworthy, Director of CEFLS
- Jazz Concert by Two of a Kind Duo
- Art Reception for creations by Anastasia Osolin
- Helen Nerska, Clinton County Historian, visit with the Book Club.

President’s Report—No report.

Treasurer's Report—The balances for the accounts are checking--\$3996.20, Money Market--\$41,947.86, and CD--\$26,257.44. The total for all accounts is 72,201.50.

In the Budget vs. Expenses Report a new category was created for Grant Expenses which indicates that the funds that were received through grants were then spent. Also the cost for Stored Tech (5046) increased considerably as the "Time Bank" fund needed to be replenished. The Tween Lounge Supplies (5215) were the costs paid with Library funds after the Rotary Club grant was utilized for furniture purchases.

Building/Maintenance Report—Rocky has replaced light bulbs throughout the Library with LED bulbs and installed some new lamps for greater efficiency. He also attended a workshop about disaster planning which included information about posting Escape Routes from all rooms in the building in highly visible locations.

Old Business—No Report.

New Business—The 2026 Library Budget was prepared by Parker, Sara and Stacey and presented to the Board. Each item in the budget was reviewed with any explanation as needed. It was noted that grants would be written to assist with program costs. A motion on accepting the budget will be made after the Executive Session.

Committee Reports—

Policy—No Report.

Fund-Raising—The committee will meet on September 3rd to finalize plans for an online auction.

Long Range—No Report.

Budget—The committee completed the 2026 budget in July.

The dates for the next meetings are September 10th and October 8th.

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Rocky at 7:50 pm to adjourn the meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Rocky at 7:54 pm to close the Executive Session and enter a regular meeting. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Theresa to approve the 2026 budget for the Library with salary increases for the Librarian and Assistant Librarian. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Sara to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

