

Meeting Minutes of the Peru Free Library Board of Trustees

February 12, 2025

Attendees: Patrick Andrews, Stacey Bousquet, Rocky Divoll, Diane Haight, Marque Mofett, Parker O'Mara, Sara Richman. Absent: Melissa Whyman
Guests: Theresa Guynup, Kris Minster (Prospective Board Members).

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 Rocky. The minutes of the January regular meeting were approved with a motion by Marque and seconded by Sara. The minutes of the January Annual meeting were approved with a motion by Pat and seconded by Marque.

Director's Report—Stacey provided statistics for January for number of patrons, volunteer hours, Story Hour attendees, book club group at the Library, speech therapy and tutoring hours. There were also 2 sessions of a homeschool preschool group. She also provided information about the number of attendees at the Energy Talk, a Snowflake craft class, the Historical Talk by the county historian and the presentation about Walking through Mid-Life.

The letter to Peru Central School requesting an increase in funding on the budget vote was sent in January. Stacey delivered the budget contract for the Library to the Supervisor of the Town of Peru. The Library Annual Report has been submitted with revisions to CEFLS for review. A grant to purchase computers for the Library was prepared by Stacey, Parker, Marque and Olivia Bousquet and submitted to the Adirondack Foundation. The Library is partnering with Neighborhood Forest to provide a seedling tree to any children who are registered with the program through our Library. The trees will be delivered during the week of Earth Day.

In March the art show will include paintings, stained glass and beading by Michelle Whitford. She will also be doing a bead workshop for 4 sessions during the month.

The Tween room will be painted soon, but actual paint supplies (brushes, rollers, tarps, tape, etc.) are needed to complete the project that will consist of two colors for the walls. The table is already set up there.

The Plexiglas shield around the Librarian's desk has been removed and stored in the basement.

President's Report—Parker has reviewed the Bylaws and will send out information about the agenda at least 7 days before a scheduled meeting.

Treasurer's Report—The balances for the accounts are checking--\$9,548.15, money market--\$59,229.27 and CD—\$25,702.13. The total for all accounts is \$94,479.55. There wasn't a Budget vs. Actual Report available from the accountant. The IRS notified Stacey that they will need 60 more days to make a determination about the 990EZ tax penalty.

Building/Maintenance—No Report.

Old Business—The purchase of new computers will be delayed until notification has been received of the awarding of the grant for which the Library has applied. Anya, our CEFLS representative, advised Stacey to wait. Stored Tech has been notified and has not indicated any changes that will be made in the estimate.

New Business—A motion to amend the agenda under New Business was made by Marque and seconded by Rocky to “Accept New Members”. The motion was approved.

Theresa Guynup and Kris Minster would like to become members of the Library Board of Trustees. A motion was made by Marque and seconded by Rocky to accept Theresa and Kris as members. The motion was approved.

The Library Committee memberships were determined as follows:

Budget—Parker, Sara and Stacey

Fundraising—Holley Heller-Ross, Kris, Marque, Melissa and Stacey

Long Range Planning—Marque, Patrick, Stacey and Theresa

Policy—Diane, Parker, Rocky and Stacey

Board Member Training—Marque explained that every year each Board member must complete a Sexual Harassment Training session and 2 hours of Trustee Education Training. There are a variety of sources for the training sessions including Rural Library.org, CEFLS and NYLA. Marque and Stacey will send out links to different sources.

Library Moment—Geoffrey Spear, a community member and advocate for youth, died recently in a car accident. His family had asked that donations in his memory could be made to the Peru Free Library. Currently the Library has received \$2000 as donations in his name. Stacey will contact the family about an appropriate memorial.

The dates for the next two meetings are March 12th and April 9th.

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