

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 10, 2021**

The Library Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Chris Bechtold, Greg Hockemeyer, Mike Mawhorter, Nicki Baker, Lori Shipman, Beth Bloom, Carmen Jagger and Director Mary Hartman.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular business meeting was called to order by President Greg Hockemeyer.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular January Board meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Carmen Jagger.  
Seconded by Chris Bechtold. Motion carried.**

Minutes of the January Board of Finance meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Mike Mawhorter.  
Seconded by Nicki Baker. Motion carried.**

**DIRECTOR ANNUAL EVALUATION**

**A motion to approve the circulation of the Library  
Director's annual evaluation to all board members was made  
by Chris Bechtold. Seconded by Beth Bloom.  
Motion carried.**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DIRECTOR**

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

No report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The 2021 budget was discussed with agreement made to spenddown the bank account by at least \$100,000.00.

Mary gave highlights of the 2020 Library Annual Report which was recently submitted to the Indiana State Library.

Mary encouraged letters to be written to the legislature concerning H.B. 1001 to advocate full funding for Inspire and internet/broadband connectivity.

The word classification to replace the Dewey Decimal system could take a few years to complete due to the scope of the project.

The new security camera system upgrade is currently being installed.

The “spaceship” lights in the library will be retro-fitted with new “guts” to upgrade to LED lights since the current parts are getting harder to find for repairs.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Susan Beaman will be resigning/retiring from the library on February 19.

There was discussion on our disruptive behavior policy as it pertains to the wearing of inappropriate clothing.

Mary shared a news article from USA Today referencing fine free libraries. The library currently has 457 patrons owing \$9952.88 in fines, with 250 of those patrons being new patrons.

### **CLAIMS**

There was a question on an \$819.00 professional fees expense paid to Beth Gaff. This claim is reimbursement for Beth to complete the IT Specialist Certificate which is required of her job position.

**A motion to pay the January claims was made by Lori Shipman. Seconded by Carmen Jagger. Motion carried.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mike Mawhorter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Beth Bloom. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bloom, Secretary