

Putnam County Public Library District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 29th, 2021

1) The Putnam County Public Library Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Bob Steele, President. The Board meeting was held at headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current building plan and the building on Power Plant road.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

Bob Steele, President
Joan Augustine, Treasurer
Merry Bassi, Secretary
Sally Young, Trustee
Jo Ann Steffens, Trustee
Bob Hamann, Trustee
Jay Kalman, Director

Absent:

Sean Brannon, Vice President

3) Building Plan: Our top priority is meeting space, improved children's and young adult areas, storage and HVAC improvement. One option is to utilize a local warehouse to store our less frequently used books. This would allow us to open up the libraries, expand our meeting space and reconfigure the children's and young adult areas. Jay Kalman presented several options along with the financials of building a warehouse, buying a warehouse and remodeling Hennepin. To unload our current libraries of lesser used books would require around 6000 square feet and we'd probably need around 2000 square feet for year, for a total of 16,000 square feet for 5 years of storage. Or we could look for a smaller building and remove books from Hennepin only. We continued to ask the question of what the future library will look like. Will people use ebook lending more, will zoom become the new normal for meetings and presentations? The Board decided at this time, not to pursue the building on 7207 Power Plant Road. Jay Kalman will continue to look for local buildings. The Board will continue to review our building options. Jay Kalman will investigate digital options that we do not already provide.

4) Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next regular Putnam County Public Library District Board meeting is scheduled for April 12th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Bassi, Secretary