President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Dan Fisher, Jason Lester, Fern Miner, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, board assistant Kathy Bowen and guest Judy Johnson.

Linda moved to approve the agenda with a second by Fern. Vote 5-0

Fern moved to approve the February Secretary’s report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Dan seconded. Vote 5-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for February, 2018 were $28,790.00. Operating fund disbursements totaled $51,579.63. February’s ending cash balance was $628,408.66 with investments of $273,374.15. Total Cash/Investments were $901,782.81.

Dan moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Linda. Vote 6-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – An Easter party will be held at the museum on March 24 from 2-3 p.m. A Nail Art Workshop will be held the evening before (Friday, March 23) from 4-5 p.m. at the library.

Christine presented the narrative annual report to the board. Since much of the report includes historical details, Christine touched on some of the changes made from previous years, as well as 2017 circulation, visit, reference, and internet and wireless use statistics. Some numbers have fallen slightly in 2017, including print circulations and program attendance. Christine noted the increase in transits of materials to other libraries and the successful completion of the 2011-2016 audit. Each board member received a print copy and will have the opportunity to ask questions at the April meeting.

Old Business:

Service Fees – New fees for faxing will begin April 2. The charges will now be $.25 to send (any number of pages) and $.10 per page to receive.

Personnel – We interviewed 2 applicants for the custodial position. Melissa Smith from Thorntown was most qualified; she has accepted the position and will begin on Monday, March 19. Her hours will be 6-3, Monday through Friday.

New Business:

2018 Nonresident Fee – Our 2018 Nonresident Fee will be $113.36. This is the 2017 operating expenditures per capita.

Boone County Contract Fee – Our Boone County Nonresident Contract fee will be $107.45 per card. This is the subsidized rate that will be offered to unserved township trustees. Contracts can go out in tomorrow’s mail.
Capital Assets – The systems administrator requests purchase of new computers for adult circulation and processing office. She would like to replace these machines within the next few months. This keeps with our computer replacement schedule.

The Director’s Report was presented by Christine.

The Next Chapter Book Club held their first meeting on Wednesday morning. Six ARC participants plus three facilitators were present. Barb Lebo provided snacks and the group elected to meet at the Guinn Room table.

Christine met with Hamilton/Boone library directors on February 25 for a luncheon and was able to meet the new Zionsville library director Sarah Moore.

The library has received an invoice from Computrain. They weren’t given the required 60-day notice that we wouldn’t be renewing for 2018 – but they didn’t give any indication that they would require us to pay the contract fee. Boyce (which bought Computrain) apologized that they did not respond to our request for a demo and proposal, and are sorry to lose our business.

The Indiana Blood Center scheduled another Community Blood Drive at TPL for Monday, May 21 – save your blood and plan to donate!

Jason motioned to adjourn the March board meeting with a second by Amber at 7:10 p.m. Vote 6-0.

Linda Fahrenbach
Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary