President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Jason Lester, Fern Miner, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, board assistant Kathy Bowen and guest Judy Johnson.

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

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for March, 2018 were $28,892.45. Operating fund disbursements totaled $51,191.27. March’s ending cash balance was $605,649.01 with investments of $273,408.98. Total Cash/Investments were $879,057.99.

Jason moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Amber. Vote 5-0

The Quarterly Report was presented. Linda moved to approve with a second by Amber. Vote 5-0

There have been no PLAC cards sold.

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – There were 2 participants in the fingernail art workshop on Friday, March 23. This program will likely not continue. The Museum Easter party was held inside at the Christian Church on Saturday, March 24. There were a total of 12 in attendance, including Sandy and volunteers. Sandy believes the snow storm contributed in part to the low attendance. Sandy will continue the reading and discussion program at The Waters which has been moved to mornings on the second Friday of each month.

A Pioneer Trading Post table will be hosted by Sandy at Granville Wells Pioneer Days on Friday, May 11. The Museum will have a display table at the Thorntown Alumni banquet on Saturday, May 12. The display will consist mostly of vintage pictures.

National Police Officer week is May 13-19, with National Police Officer day being on May 15. If enough artifacts can be collected in time Sandy would like to have a special display. Displayed items will be both the museum’s and borrowed items.

Vectren installed a new gas meter at no charge.

Old Business:

Clinton Township Contract – We have had one taker for the subsidized nonresident contract, and that is Trustee George Morton. He agrees to pay for one card per household; all others from a household must pay for additional cards.

New Business:

Salary Ordinance – 2018 v.2 show an increase to $14.00/hour for Sandy Naekel, now local history librarian/museum coordinator, and a new employee, Melissa Smith, at $13.00/hour.
Director’s Report:

Britta and Christine are beginning work on a revised Collection Development Policy this week. It was last revised... quite a while ago. It still refers to VHS collection standards and reference materials on CD-Rom, if that gives you any clues.

Insurance – For quite some time the library has had 6 participants on the health insurance plan. We now have 7 – so we’ll expect some impact on our group health coverage budget, though unsure how much just yet. Christine will let the board know when the new premium numbers level out. This has been a period of transition.

Melissa Smith is doing a great job as custodian. She said she’s had a little trouble adjusting to a new sleep schedule, but she’s doing well and has been very reliable.

Sandy received her temporary certification as an LC6, so she is covered (certification-wise) for the next year. She has been taking webinars and looking for learning and programming opportunities.

Karen has been helping Mike and Reece Thompson on the Colored Cemetery Grant. This week she is focusing on the remaining details for the THM Roof Grant. This is a rigorous and competitive process and there is a good chance that both applicants will win grants.

Britta has contacted Midwest Telephones from Zionsville regarding phone service. Britta has been proactive in learning about the phone software and is able to troubleshoot for us, but she has also worried about finding an expert to back her up, as well as a source for new hardware. Home National Bank has Avaya handsets, and Britta called to see who they use. They gave her the contact info for Midwest Telephones.

Coming up: Friday night is Family Game Night from 5-8 p.m. Next Monday is National Librarian Day! Writers’ Group is Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30. We’re trying a new Gaming Group (Grown-ups only) on Tuesday, April 24 from 6-8. We also have Next Chapter Book Club each Wednesday at 9:30 and Gourd Patches each Wednesday, as well as Tuesday and Thursday youth programs each week. May is the youth department’s month “off” as they prepare for summer reading!

Amber motioned to adjourn the April board meeting with a second by Linda at 6:42 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary