President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Dan Fisher, Fern Miner, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Linda moved to approve the agenda with a second by Amber. Vote 4-0

Fern moved to approve the April Secretary’s report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Amber seconded. Vote 4-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for April, 2018 were $30,814.76. Operating fund disbursements totaled $51,499.19. April’s ending cash balance was $584,581.09 with investments of $273,442.68. Total Cash/Investments were $858,023.77.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – Reece Thompson and his father completed the grant submission for the Colored Cemetery fence by the deadline date. They should hear something by July 2.

Karen completed the grant submission for the museum roof and also expects to hear back by July 2.

Karen and Kelly (with Christine’s help) completed the garden brochure for the museum.

The Thorntown Heritage Museum participated in Pioneer Day at Granville Wells on Friday, May 11. The museum’s station was The Pioneer Trading Post. Artifacts from pioneer times were taken and discussed as well as a pioneer trunk from the Indiana State Museum representing a covered wagon. The Granville Wells fourth graders (in small groups of 10 or less) were invited to pack the covered wagon with necessities needed to make the 2,000 mile trip from Missouri to Oregon, taking into consideration what they may be able to pick up along the way or make when they arrived at their destination.

On Saturday, May 12, the museum set up a display at the Thorntown Alumni Banquet.

Coming soon: The Museum will be hosting its second annual Potluck Pitch-in. The pitch-in is schedule from noon-1:00. Sandy is working to get music scheduled to play 30-45 minutes during the lunch hour. The music will be a group of high school students from Boone County that are willing to donate their time. Hopefully this will draw in some of the younger crowd. There is a program scheduled through the Indiana State Museum at 1:00 for 45-60 minutes. The presenter will have items from history that he will tell a story about and the audience decides if it is true or false. Residents from Crown Point Senior Living have been invited as well as the CICOA lunch bunch. The event is planned for outdoors but the Christian Church has been secured as a contingency plan.

Old Business: None
New Business: Collection Development Policy – a draft was presented. Christine will work on the parts that still need development.

Gale Courses – Gale Courses offers a catalog of adult skills training courses that are instructor-led so that students get personalized feedback and assistance with the material. Courses range in topic from software skills to language learning to medical and educational training. Participants may receive certificates of completion that may be used for LEUs or CEUs certification requirements in a variety of professional fields. Over 365 courses are available. Some of the most popular are Accounting Fundamentals, Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013, Creating WordPress Websites, Explore a Career in Medical Coding, Discover Sign Language, Human Anatomy and Physiology, A to Z Grant Writing, Lose Weight and Keep It Off, and Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera. A consortium purchase through Evergreen Indiana would be $888.30 for one year. The board voted to approve the purchase with a motion from Dan and a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Summer Reading request – The Youth Department is requesting $300 to take to the Hachette book sale on June 9. This will come from the gift fund. They used funds from the Glick grant from Lori Rader-Day to purchase some high interest (but more expensive) graphic novels to be included in summer reading incentives. The board voted to approve the request with a motion from Linda and a second by Fern. Vote 5-0

Angie Moody approached the library about sponsoring a movie in the park this summer. The cost is $475; movies this year will be offered June 9, July 14, August 18, and Festival weekend. Movies to be shown: Despicable Me 3, The Nut Job 2, and Cars 3. The board approved the request with a motion by Dan and a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Director’s Report:

YA Room – Kathy and Christine discussed making some changes in the YA room, and Kathy and Britta have asked a recent teen about his thoughts on comfort, furnishings, appeal, and usability of the YA room (for actual teens). Some things he thinks would make the room more appealing: privacy (or appearance of privacy), better lighting (and shades for windows in the afternoon/evening), more comfortable seating, and charging stations. After discussion, the board approved proceeding with making changes. Once there are more concrete ideas, a budget can be presented.

Fine-Free Webinar – in mid-April Christine listened in on a fine-free webinar presented by Ruth Frasur (Hagerstown-Jefferson Twp PL) and Scott Tracey (West Lafayette PL), both libraries are currently fine-free. After hearing a brief synopsis of the presentation the board discussed and was asked to ponder the idea.

Lowry Barn Quilt – Diana Lowry cannot hang her barn quilt at her new residence. Since the quilt is part of the Boone County Barn Quilt Project sponsored by SCHS, Karen suggested that we mount it on our fence at the library, which already holds a quilt square. The board approved and decided to offer Diana $40 for the quilt square.

Angie Moody has been in touch about town paving projects. She’s been reminded about the contract between the town and TPL for parking lot maintenance and snow removal, so she will ask for a quote on resealing the lots.

The Friends annual meeting was last Tuesday with 15 in attendance. Christine prepared and 2017 Year-in-Review presentation. The book and DVD sale have made over $600 so far.
Britta is hosting two trainings this week to familiarize staff with the EI web client. The staff client (current software) will become unavailable sometime this fall, so staff are being encouraged to use and become comfortable with the new interface.

Summer Reading begins June 4 – Kathy and Barb, aka Cap’n Sweaty Shaw and Poopdeck Pete, take their show on the road later this week.

Christine will attend the ILF regional conference in Kokomo on Friday. The theme is how libraries can take cues from the hospitality industry.

Christine shared a story about the difficulty she experienced faxing the Vatican for a patron. Britta was able to resolve her issues and a library in New Zealand confirmed that we can now fax internationally.

Dan motioned to adjourn the May board meeting with a second by Linda at 7:40 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary