President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Jason Lester, Fern Miner, Judy Johnson, Director Christine Sterle, and Treasurer Barbara Darnell.

Barb Darnell noticed that the quarterly report was omitted from the printed agenda. Fern moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Amber. Motion approved 6-0.

Amber moved to approve the June Secretary’s report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell; Jason seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for June, 2018 were $189,558.41; this includes the spring property tax draw. Operating fund disbursements totaled $50,504.23. June’s ending cash balance was $747,497.21 with investments of $273,511.24. Total Cash/Investments were $1,020,908.45.

Barbara presented the Quarterly Financial Report. We are under budget in most categories at this point. One notable exception is Shipping & Handling, due to our move to five-day-a-week INFOExpress service July 1.

Amber moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Jason; motion carried 6-0.

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thornton Heritage Museum – The second annual Potluck Picnic was held on June 13. The program was moved to the Christian Church due to rain. There were 29 guests at the potluck. Compass Music (band) was well received and their volunteer time is greatly appreciated. There were 15 guests at Liar’s Bench program; it was very enjoyable. There are no programs scheduled for July. The next event is the Ice Cream Social on August 11, 6-8:30. Whitaker glass installed the new sliding glass panels in two of the large display case sections in the museum’s Military room. They did a great job; the doors work well and they lock. The quote price was $1180.00.

Old Business: Christine reported both Sugar Creek Historical Society and Friends of Thornton Public Library, Inc. are recipients of Indiana Historical Society Heritage grants. SCHS was awarded $15,000 for survey and fencing for the “Colored” Cemetery project spearheaded by Reece and Mike Thompson, and the Friends were awarded $10,000 to replace the Thornton Heritage Museum roof.

New Business:

The Board reviewed a proposed Administrative Assistant job description. Linda moved to approve the description with a second by Fern; approved 6-0.

Christine presented a Salary Schedule that included salary ranges for positions offered at Thornton Public Library. There was much discussion about salaries, personnel, and benefits. Christine will follow up on some ideas presented by the Board and will discuss at the August meeting. Christine and the Board also discussed employee health insurance and 2019 budget. The budget draft was presented with many “soft” numbers, particularly in the
“Personal Services” category. Discussion followed. Christine will continue to work on the budget after meeting with insurance agents and finalizing some numbers.

Director’s Report – Brenneco fixed leaky pipe and will be back to test sprinklers, check extinguishers, etc. on July 27 around 2:00 p.m. The library now owns a large clamp.

Sandy, Britta, and Christine had a very good conversation about upcoming genealogy and local history projects. The library will resume indexing of Lebanon Reporter for local history info, and update Access database (“Boone County Cemeteries”) to include individuals who may not be buried in Boone County. Britta is working on a disaster plan with input from Christine and Karen. It’s quite the undertaking.

Christine was able to listen to about half of the ISL budget workshop on Wednesday, June 27 and will finish once the recording becomes available. One thing DLGF mentioned – several times – “submission anxiety” and the impact it has on overall workflow. Christine also learned that if 10+ object to a proposed budget at Public Hearing and the objection isn’t recorded/addressed, the previous year’s budget (not levy) is continued.

Five-day-a-week courier service has begun. Summer programs are going strong. The Party in the Park and Color Run were huge hits, as expected. Much thanks to the Park Board and the Knights of Pythias for making these programs a success. Hopefully we can continue these partnership in the future.

Saturday evening is movie in the park. Angie Moody wants to host a family fun night and asked for ideas. Christine mentioned a pie-eating contest, so guess who’s doing a pie-eating contest? Barb, Kathy, Christine, and Britta will make it happen – open to kids of all ages.

We plan to order three shelving units for easy book room (about $150 each), three shelves each, to move easy readers to space next to Kathy’s office and make room for expansion of the beloved, much-used graphic novel collection. We’ll do this at the conclusion of summer reading.

Hinshaw roofing will be out Wednesday around lunch time to look at leaky spots.

Tomorrow there will be a town treasure hunt at 2:00 p.m. Be on the lookout for Mickey Mouse! Thursday at 2:00 will be the Frankenstein program for kids.

Our Gale Courses is subscription has activated! Look for more information on Facebook, library website, and in library newsletters.

To everyone’s relief, Amber motioned to adjourn the July board meeting at 8:01 p.m.; Judy seconded. Vote 6-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary