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

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

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for July, 2018 were $30,722.93. Operating fund disbursements totaled $53,344.43. July’s ending cash balance was $723,907.61 with investments of $273,546.08. Total Cash/Investments were $997,453.69.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – The museum did not have any programs in July. Sandy is planning a visit to Peru, Indiana on August 25th for Miami Days at the Pillars. It is a day with Miami vendors, crafts, drumming and dancing. She is hoping for some hands on activities to help with ideas for more Miami Native American activities at the museum, or at least gain a little education.

Preparations have begun for the Festival of the Turning Leaves. The train has been confirmed for right after the parade. Vendors will include Bob’s Honey, CICOA, and the Gourd Society. The museum will enter a float again this year. Sandy would like to borrow a kids’ wagon, and a kid to go along with it would be even better! The Kasha Smith family has been asked to help – she will let us know. We have a volunteer to portray Cornelius Westfall and are in need of someone to portray Anson Mills. We also need one or two pioneer women. Costume assistance would be helpful also.

Old Business:

Salary Schedule has been revisited since July meeting. The Schedule has been adjusted to show what expected qualifications and salary ranges would be for newly-hired staff. Current salaries/wages are noted as well. We will exceed the salary caps in a few instances, but a new hire would be subject to the salary schedule. Most FT positions have an $8000 range. Linda moved to accept the Salary Schedule; Fern seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

2019 Budget – Christine and Barb met with DLGF rep Ryan Burke last Wednesday; we will be able to move forward with staff raises, increase in Rainy Day and repairs & maintenance budget as hoped.

New Business: Teen Room proposal – Ideas for new furniture, shelving, and a charging station were presented and discussed. Members were able to visit the teen room to get a better idea of the space. The shelving and charging station were approved by the board, however, they would like to see other ideas for furniture as the design presented was not met with enthusiasm.
Director’s Report – The pie-eating contest at the park was fun. We had 10-12 participants, all kids. Barb did a test run and demonstrated wonderful technique. There is a video on Facebook. The winner clocked in at 28 seconds!

Becki Osborne is on Leave of Absence until September 10.

Staff called 911 on July 17 due to a strange lady hanging out in the north doorway of the Youth Department.

Christine met with Angelo Prati to discuss health insurance. There are alternatives to the current plan, but none are very appealing. Most options would involve non-network providers not being covered at all, or an increase and/or deductible for pharmacy.

We are locking the Secret Garden in the evenings now to deter vandalism and possible illegal activity.

The elevator circuit board failed at some point over the weekend. Mid-America Elevator was notified and arrived this morning to repair. We should not see a charge for the new circuit board.

Coming up: Kathy and Barb will attend the ILF Youth Services Conference on Monday, August 20 in Muncie. Britta will be attending the Evergreen Indiana 10-year Gala at Fort Ben on Friday, August 24. Youth programs resume the week of August 27. The Gaming Group will meet on Tuesday, August 28 at 6 p.m. Taste of Home will meet on Labor Day, September 3 at 6 p.m.

Amber motioned to adjourn the July board meeting with a second by Fern at 8:03 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary