Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
September 10, 2018
Minutes

Public Hearing for 2019 Budget

President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Judy Johnson, Jason Lester, Fern Miner, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

There was no public in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09, with a motion from Amber, and a second from Fern. Vote 5-0

Regular Board Meeting – September 10, 2018

President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Judy Johnson, Jason Lester, Fern Miner, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

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

Jason moved to approve the August 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 August, 2018 were $28,910.97. Operating fund disbursements totaled $50,232.99. August’s ending cash balance was $702,016.20 with investments of $273,580.93. Total Cash/Investments were $975,597.13.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum:
It was a nice day for the Ice Cream Social on Saturday August 11 and over 100 attended. There were several who toured or checked out the museum during the event, which has not happened in the past. The museum roof is finished; it looks great and does not leak. Dedication of an historical marker at the Colored Cemetery has been scheduled for August 10, 2019.

Sandy drove to Peru, Indiana to attend the Miami at the Pillars festival on August 25, hoping to learn some hands-on activities that she can implement into museum activities. Unfortunately the event was rained out. Apparently Peru was the area in the state with the most rain that day. Many of the roads were nearly impassable.

Old Business:
Fine Free Library – Thoughts from the staff were mostly positive; this would be good for our small community, most people are responsible, it would be nice not having to discuss money during patron interactions – and they recognized that some people will work the system. DVD circulation is a concern for some. Other thoughts include - How will we handle existing fines? We should communicate our intentions with other local libraries. The board discussed going fine-free for some time. Christine will follow up on some questions and the board will make a decision in October.
Teen Room furniture – The shelving has arrived and the mobile charging station has been ordered. We are still looking for furniture.

New Business:
Vectren Rate 225 – The board briefly discussed a proposal to switch to Vectren Rate 225; the switch would result in some savings on the library’s gas bill. Discussion will be resumed once Christine learns more about the process and contract length.

Director’s Report:
A household has been barred from the library because a bed bug was found on a book a family member returned. Privileges will be reinstated when they provide proof of successful treatment by a professional pest control company. ILLs are being carefully inspected and all transit bags heated to prevent ingress.

North Mechanical will work on temperature control in the Archives room. Archives and the computer lab share a thermostat, and Archives is usually around 62 degrees during the cooling season. They will install a thermostat and damper to help us control the temperature; the cost will be around $1700.

Karen been in touch with Hinshaw Roofing several times regarding leaks. They have told us they will be out sometime this week.

Electrician Jim Smith is putting his head together with someone about re-installing the light bollards around the library. They have been wiggling like loose teeth for years and Jim discovered that the concrete foundations were not poured very deep, so we are getting an estimate to see how much it would cost to re-pour and reinstall.

We bought a dragon costume from Batesville library. His name is Draco.

Christine shared some upcoming events, including book sale and festival parade.

Fern motioned to adjourn the August board meeting with a second by Jason at 7:30 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Christine Sterle, Secretary pro tem