Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees  
October 8, 2018  
Minutes

President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, 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 6-0

Jason moved to approve the September Secretary’s report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Fern seconded. Vote 6-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for September, 2018 were $28,883.15. Operating fund disbursements totaled $44,024.39. September’s ending cash balance was $686,246.37 with investments of $273,614.66. Total Cash/Investments were $959,861.03.

The Quarterly Report was presented.

Fern moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Linda. Vote 6-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – We had an estimated total of 126 visitors to the museum during the Festival of the Turning Leaves. Donation box monies were turned into Barb. Bob’s Honey made a $30 donation for his booth space. The float basically broke even. Expenses were $75.40 for supplies and the First Place Theme prize was $75. Melanie Gall (Civil war mourning dress), Steve Bowen (Cornelius Westfall), Brenda Henderson (1800’s dress), AJ Na ekel (Anson Mills), Niklaus Na ekel (50’s), and Seth Na ekel (50’s) all participated in the parade. Magician Marc Lehmann has been confirmed for the museum at Halloween.

The museum is hosting an adult Christmas Ornament Contest. The ornaments must be made to hang on a tree and are to be turned in to the library by November 16th. After judging they will hang on a tree at the museum and can be picked up on or after Thursday, December 20th. Sandy is planning a children’s day to make Christmas tree ornaments (in the meeting rooms at the library) to hang on a tree at the museum. This will not be a contest but there will be a tree decorating day to hang the ornaments and there will be refreshments for those attending.

Old Business:

Fine Free Library – Christine ran two reports with help from West Lafayette. In 2017 we took in $2440 in fine monies, in 2018 we are on course to take in $1900. Ruth Frasur of Tippecanoe PL (formerly Hagerstown director) was also contacted. She mentioned that TCPL has been fine-free for as long as anyone there can remember. Regarding dvd circulation – she did not notice any changes in time they were kept out. Those who were responsible continued to be so and vice-versa. They made a point to discuss with patrons the importance of returning things on time. After some discussion, Amber made a motion that TPL become fine free in January 2019 – Jason seconded. Vote 6-0
Teen room furniture – Proposals from Gary at Sharp School Service were shared. Thanks for the referral Amber! Fern made a motion we order what we need from Sharp School Service with a $3000 budget. Judy seconded. Vote 6-0

New Business:

Budget Adoption – Linda made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budget, seconded by Jason. Vote 6-0

Director’s Report:

Thanks to all who were able to participate in the Festival of the Turning Leaves parade!

The Friends book sale was small but successful, earning $495.45 over six days. Brad’s Used Bookstore took leftovers and gave us 20 “free book” coupons to share.

Christine reported on employee absences. She commended Britta Dorsey’s organizational skills and troubleshooting guides when confronted with a few technology issues in the past few weeks.

Overnight Tuesday into Wednesday there will be a 3-hour planned power outage. Karen has notified most of the libraries support companies (alarm monitoring, HVAC, controls, elevator) in case they are needed to get things running Wednesday morning. Christine will handle server shutdown and restart. Cross your fingers that all will go well!

Christine reported on a family that is currently barred from the library.

Mark Garing, Thorntown Council member, will visit and speak about town council roles and the future of Thorntown on Tuesday, October 16 at 12:30.

Paperwork for ERate FY 2019 has been submitted. This is what allows us to participate in ISL consortium for subsidized Internet. Christine has also submitted for Category 2 which provides funding for managed wireless.

October 31 will be busy - Trick or Treat, Haunted Meeting Rooms at TPL and Magic at THM!

Jason motioned to adjourn the October board meeting with a second by Linda at 7:17 p.m. Vote 6-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary