President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Judy. Vote 4-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for March, 2019 were $26,958.38. Operating fund disbursements totaled $82,003.73. March’s ending cash balance was $597,332.94 with investments of $273,819.36. Total Cash/Investments were $871,152.30.

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

Christine presented the PLAC Report. There were no PLAC cards sold.

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – John Gillan has repaired the sign in front of the museum. It looks very nice. The dedication of the graveyard fencing and renovation date is August 10th immediately followed by the Ice Cream Social. Gene Bayless has donated some supplies so that Sandy can learn to use a drop spindle to spin wool/cotton for demonstrations at the museum. He has also put Sandy in contact with Conner Prairie about having the barn loom repaired and moved from the museum basement to the upstairs so that it can also be put to use. We hope to hear from Conner Prairie sometime in May. Kelly is ready for a top layer of mulch at the museum and AJ Brose will be delivering and spreading soon.

Old Business:

Personnel Update – Becki is home recovering and attending therapy sessions 2 times per week. Alec began full time employment April 1 and the insurance policy is in effect.

New Business:

Lighting Repair – Dave Scott (concrete) and Jim Smith (electrician) estimate that it will cost approximately $900 per bollard to remove old concrete, pour new deeper footing, upgrade to LED, and reinstall bollards. There are 18 of them, but some are in good upright condition. They will test their solution on one bollard to see if it’s effective. The board agrees to proceed with the test repair and work on other bollards as needed.

Commercial & WC Policies – Christine received a call from The Thompson Group and met with Aaron Hymes a few weeks ago. We have not asked for competitive quotes from insurance agencies in quite some time, so the board will hear from at least two insurance agents in October or November 2019.

During our recent Workers’ Comp premium audit, Travelers switched all of the library staff to classification 9101, Public Library or Museum, All Other Employees. All but 1 of the staff were reclassified incorrectly.
This resulted in a bill of over $17,000 (our audit usual results in a change of a few hundred dollars). A dispute was filed and the issue was resolved quickly and painlessly.

Hotspot Lending – Hot spot lending has growing in popularity over the past several years. Libraries purchase hotspot connectivity and lend the devices to patrons so they can have access at home. This is especially popular with those who live in rural areas and for whom internet access is too expensive. Mark Miller from T-Mobile sent information about the service. It will cost about $30.00/month per device, and there is a Web portal to manage devices. The board is interested in learning more; a demo device will be ordered.

Director’s Report:

CICOA has renewed the library’s neighborhood meal site contract July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.

A contract proposal was mailed to the Clinton Township trustee a few weeks ago – no response yet – however, Lebanon Public Library has a very informative Boone County Townships page on their website that we can refer patrons to if they’re in the market for a nonresident card. Lebanon Public Library has contracts with several townships for relatively low annual rates.

Britta and Christine attended the Evergreen Indiana annual conference on Friday, March 29. Christine attended sessions on weeding, auto-renewals, inventory, teambuilding, and was on the Fine-Free panel. Britta co-presented about series statements and attended sessions on spine label printing, creating custom receipts, SRCS and Evergreen, and the cataloging interest group. This past Friday Britta and Kathy attended an ILF district conference at the Crawfordsville Public Library.

Kathy and Barb have a skit they will take to Thorntown Elementary to promote summer reading. Barb is a green alien this year.

Amber motioned to adjourn the April board meeting with a second by Linda at 7:13 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary