Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
March 11, 2019
Minutes

President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.

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

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for February, 2019 were $26,986.47. Operating fund disbursements totaled $55,778.70. February’s ending cash balance was $652,724.53 with investments of $273,784.48. Total Cash/Investments were $926,509.01.

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

Christine represented the public by sharing some contributions to the “Tell Me Something Good” jar from 2018.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – 14 people attended the Native American Sand Painting program on February 12. Sandy attended a Museum Boot Camp session at Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County on March 4. She was hoping there would be more sessions on programming, but she learned a lot about museum management and collection procurement and felt it was a good use of her time.

Library Annual Report – Christine presented highlights from the 2018 Narrative Annual Report, including recent changes in certification levels of library staff, an overview of current contractors for services such as electrician, plumber, and HVAC technicians, and the fall 2018 repair of the Carnegie clay tile roof. The library formed new and maintained already existing partnerships in 2018. She also shared information about library holdings, registered cardholder, circulation statistics, and programming statistics, and concluded with a brief financial summary. The text of the report will be filed in the library board notebook. Jason moved to accept the report with a second by Linda; motion carried 6 – 0.

Old Business:

Board vacancy – Christine called Western Boone administration today since she has not heard anything back from them. They indicated they had not received the letter so she emailed information and the original letter to Tammy in the administration office and she will forward it to Mr. Ramey.

New Business:

2019 Nonresident Fee – The fee for 2019 will be $118.34, according to Indiana Code. The board, after much discussion, voted to adopt the new fee with a motion from Amber and a second by Jason. Vote 6-0

Boone County Contract Fee – The fee for 2019 will be $111.22, according to Indiana Code and the formula offered by the Indiana State Library and accepted by SBOA. The board
voted to approve offering the contracts to unserved townships with a motion from Amber and a second by Jason. Vote 6-0

Personnel Update – Becki Osborne will still be out through at least April 1, 2019. She has PTO remaining that may be used to cover her absence and ensure she receives health insurance.

Alec Smith has requested more hours at work. The library has been short-staffed as of late, and Alec has been a good employee for several years. He is happy to take on new tasks and responsibilities. Christine recommended promoting him to full-time (40 per week) with benefits. Jason motioned to increase Alec’s hours to 40 per week with a second from Linda. Vote 6-0

Director’s Report:

Christine reported on the upcoming Friends board meeting, as well as new programs in the youth department. Recent changes in programming have had positive results.

Eight were at attendance at Family Game Night, five from the public. The WeBo media specialist stopped by to play and will let teens know that we have games available and host game nights from time to time.

Christine and Britta will be at the Evergreen conference on March 30. Christine will participate on a panel of fine-free libraries and Britta is co-presenting a session about cataloging series. Kathy is attending an escape room workshop at Zionsville library on March 22.

Fern motioned to adjourn the March board meeting with a second by Linda at 7:54 p.m. Vote 6-0.

Linda Fahrenbach
Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary