Thornton Public Library Board of Trustees
May 13, 2019
Minutes

President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Fern Miner, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Amber moved to approve the agenda with a second by Linda. Vote 4-0

Fern moved to approve the April Secretary’s report (with corrections) with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Amber seconded. Vote 4-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for April, 2019 were $44,941.91. Operating fund disbursements totaled $38,093.67. April’s ending cash balance was $604,493.63 with investments of $273,853.12. Total Cash/Investments were $878,346.75.

Amber moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Linda. Vote 4-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thornton Heritage Museum – Sandy did the textile presentation for the Sewing Professionals Network in Zionsville on April 10; seven attended. The Boone County Extension Homemakers are looking for someone to do a presentation at their annual awards banquet on May 9. Sandy’s textile presentation was suggested and she will present Timely Trends – a Fashion Journey. The participation is expected to number around 50. This will be a PowerPoint presentation with clothing artifacts on display. The Museum will be participating in Granville Wells Pioneer Days again this year on May 10; Sandy will be manning a Trading Post station. This year Sandy will focus on pioneer toys that the children may have played with. The Museum open house is Memorial Day, May 27, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; all are invited to attend. The Boone County Genealogical Society has requested a program for their May 28 monthly meeting. They will have their meeting at the museum and be given a tour of the museum in place of a presentation.

Sandy will be giving a bead loom workshop on May 30 at the library for grades 4 and above (adult participation welcome). The bead loom is one of the earliest techniques used by Native Americans. This workshop is limited to the first ten participants to register.

SCHS membership enrollment sheets for 2020 membership have been sent to current members.

Old Business:

Hot Spot Lending – Britta tested the demo hotspot and found that it worked well; she recommended that we proceed with three hotspots. We will need to craft a circulation policy. After a short discussion Amber moved to approve Hot Spot Lending with a second by Linda. Vote 4-0

Lighting Repair – No update.

Summer Reading – Party in the Park – The Knights of Pythias will provide/cook/serve snacks at the Party in the Park, but will not rent inflatables for us this year. Barb is looking
into different inflatable places. The board agreed by consensus to rent inflatables for Party in the Park.

New Business:

Personnel – Becki Osborne has resigned as of May 9. Christine asked the board to consider paying one month additional premium in recognition of her 10 years of service. Christine also plans to hire a page to help through summer reading and perhaps work after school when the school year starts up again. Amber moved to extend Becki’s insurance 1 month and hire a page with a second by Fern. Vote 4-0

Library Code of Conduct – Christine presented an updated Library Code of Conduct for consideration. Amber moved to approve the changes with a second by Linda. Vote 4-0

Public Wireless Network Acceptable Use Agreement – revisit next month.

Resolution to Transfer Funds – Barb Darnell explained there is $623.69 left in a Community Grant fund from the 2009 data extraction when the library moved from Koha Zoom to Evergreen Indiana. The board approved transferring the balance to Rainy Day.

Strategic Planning – Our current plan expires at the end of this year! Options include hiring a consultant to guide the process, gather a focus group and manage the process in-house, send out a community survey, or some combination of two or three. After discussion the board asked Christine to look into a consultant.

Hachette Sale – The Youth Department would like to request $350 to take to the cash-only Hachette sale this Saturday. A check will be written to Barb Lebo; she will return any unused funds. Linda moved to approve with a second by Amber. Vote 4-0

Movie in the Park – The library has been approached about sponsoring one of the movie showings in Thorntown Park. The dates are June 15, July 13, August 17, September (festival Friday). The cost is $475. Linda moved to sponsor a movie with a second by Fern. Vote 4-0

Director’s Report:

Alec formatted the May newsletter and did a wonderful job! He has also processed ILLs a few times in Bonnie’s absence. The wireless printing app performance has been sketchy; Britta has been in contact with Cardinal.

The Friends Annual Meeting, Plant Swap, and Book Sale is tomorrow night – meeting at 6:45 p.m. followed by Abbie Samson, Samson Historical at 7:00 p.m. About 75 boxes worth of books available for a donation. Remainders will go again to Brad’s Used Bookstore in Lebanon.

Summer reading begins June 3! Youth programs through July 13; adult and teens through August 3. Programs include color run, Hedgehog Hannah, Party in the Park, Town Scavenger Hunt, Teen Iron Chef, GITD Moon T shirts, Apollo 11 screening. Britta is working on Chance’s cat calendar entry.

Fern motioned to adjourn the May board meeting at 7:30 p.m.; second by Linda. Vote 4-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary