

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
April 10, 2023
Minutes

Vice-President Amber Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Also present were Jennifer Bopp, Barb Hillger, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, and Treasurer Barbara Darnell.

Jennifer moved to approve the agenda with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for March, 2023 were \$27,404.98. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$64,187.13. March's ending cash balance was \$955,463.54 with investments of \$275,013.74. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,230,477.28.

Barbara Darnell presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending March 31, 2023.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – We have received 4 estimates for the barn, plus a suggestion to tear it down and start over.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Personnel Update – Kreigh's last day was March 31. Alec has agreed to help out with some tech duties. Two pages have been hired – Maddie Robinson and Adeline Smith. Both are working roughly 9 hours per week and with additional hours in the summer.

An updated salary ordinance was presented which included one staff raise and the addition of two new pages. The Assistant Children's Librarian has been left in the ordinance though the position won't be advertised until late summer. Jennifer moved to approve the ordinance with a second by Barb. Vote 5-0

Christine shared a proposal for services from AVC Technology; she feels that hiring another part-time person will only be another stopgap measure. Jennifer moved to approve the contracting of AVC Technology with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0

Matt Mayol provided a project draft for the board's consideration. It includes high/low + contingencies, soft costs, and architect/engineering fee figured. It is broken into exterior/interior, and interior in four sections. The board agreed to move forward. Christine is to contact bond counsel and financial advisor for next steps.

The board considered a request to transfer vacation time from one staff member to another. After discussion Barb moved to approve the request with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0

Director's Report

Christine shared information about participation in Dolly's Imagination Library as requested by the board. She will reach out to Lebanon Public Library to learn more about their enrollment in the program.

Barbara Darnell is having knee replacement surgery May 16. Linda Porter is trained to handle payroll in her absence.

No PLAC cards were sold first quarter 2023.

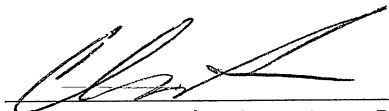
Christine's certification has been renewed for the next 5 years. All librarians at TPL are up-to-date with certifications.

The amendment to SB 380 ("Materials Harmful to Minors") did not get called for a vote but may yet show up again. They may try to amend on the floor. It is eligible for a 2nd reading tomorrow. SB 12 is dead. SB 380 has until next Monday. The House meets @ 1:30 Tuesday (tomorrow).

The pear trees have been removed. Nathan from Sugar Creek Tree Care recommends fall planting of redbuds on the south side (native, but not too tall) and honey locust on the north side (shady, but filtered shade, good street tree, fast-growing but strong, thorn-less variety).

Coming up – Regular storytimes through the end of April, then May "break" before summer reading; Bingo this Friday 6-7:30; Christine at Gaming Roundtable Monday, Apr 17; Euchre Saturday, March 22 benefiting House of Grace; Versiti Blood Drive 12:30-5 on Monday, April 24; Friends Spring Book Sale in May – setting up May 8 (Monday) at 3:00 pm.

Judy motioned to adjourn the April board meeting with a second by Barney at 8:19 p.m. Vote 5-0.



Christine Sterle, Secretary *Pro tempore*