

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
February 13, 2023
Minutes

President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Also present were Linda Fahrenbach, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Judy moved to approve the agenda with a second by Barney. Vote 4-0

Judy moved to approve the January Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Barney seconded. Vote 4-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for January, 2023 were \$27,076.80. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$55,976.88. January's ending cash balance was \$1,015,309.97 with investments of \$274,931.82. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,290,241.79.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – There is no official report but Christine shared that SCHS has contacted 3 contractors for quotes for improvements to the Vine Street barn.

Old Business:

Meeting Room Policy – Christine shared a draft of an updated policy. After discussion a few changes were suggested. A new draft will be shared at the March meeting.

New Business:

Drinking Fountain – Barb Lebo asked a plumber for an estimate to remove the drinking fountain in the Easy Room. The estimate was \$560 – that does not include drywall and paint to cover the fountain spot. Brian Lebo said he will do it at no charge – he is a licensed plumber. Barney moved to approve having Brian handle it with a second by Linda. Vote 4-0

COVID Policy – When this policy went into effect in February 2021 it was to be temporary. After discussion it was decided it was time to rescind the policy. Barney moved to rescind the policy with a second by Judy. Vote 4-0

Director's Report

Christine is working on the annual report for the State Library and Barbara is working on the Annual Financial Report.

The chili cook-off is February 25, next Saturday. Christine asked for volunteers to help with the cookoff. TPL/SCHS also has euchre scheduled that night.

The Adult Spelling Bee is March 4. Two judges will be needed to settle any spelling disputes. Linda and Chuck volunteers to serve as judges.

The library has been selected to be a VITA tax prep site. The dates chosen for appointments are February 22, March 1, and March 9 – all 2:00-7:00pm.

Barney motioned to adjourn the February board meeting with a second by Linda at 7:10 p.m. Vote 4-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary