

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
July 10, 2023
Minutes

President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Also present were Jennifer Bopp, Barb Hillger, Judy Johnson, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Jennifer moved to approve the agenda with a second by Barb. Vote 4-0

Barb moved to approve the June Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Jennifer seconded. Vote 4-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for June, 2023 were \$348,708.33. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$54,739.89. June's ending cash balance was \$1,182,656.63 with investments of \$275,140.12. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,457,846.75.

Barbara Darnell presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending June 30, 2023.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – nothing to report.

Old Business:

Window Laminate – A proposal from Safe Haven Defense, LLC with multiple options was discussed. Pricing ranged from \$11,000-\$23,000. Further action was tabled.

2024 Budgets – 2024 MLGQ is 4% but our budget will increase by a greater percentage due to potential for bond issuance.

New Business:

A proposal from OCS to replace 3 VAV controllers that aren't reading airflow correctly was presented with a total price of \$2,546. Barb moved to approve the proposal with a second from Jennifer. Vote 4-0

PLAC – no PLAC cards were sold second quarter 2023.

Director's Report

Summer Reading – 200 kids and 55 teens were signed up. The box maze will be rescheduled at a later date. BREMC Electrical Safety for Kids and Kids' BINGO are the final programs this week.

Bond Project – Christine attended a working group meeting today with Matt Mayol from OMS and representatives from Baker Tilly and IceMiller. The key takeaway was to move forward quickly so the project can occur before costs increase. If we get County Council approval this fall, we can get bids out and awarded in November, otherwise we may have to

wait until spring and deal with inflation. Following discussion, the board agreed by consensus to seek \$900,000 as the maximum.

The new courier service is causing terrible delays. The State awarded the contract to a new service – they've handled library transits in the past, but this transition is not going well. We are asking for patience from our patrons.

The board discussed interpretation of the meeting room policy. It was decided that each group may only reserve one additional weekend day per month no matter if the space remains available.

Chance was Internet/Facebook famous for a few minutes – he may have inspired an Evergreen library cat "crawl".

Christine shared personnel updates.

The next euchre night is July 22. Christine will be at a digital equity meeting on August 1 and a Boone County Tourism Solar Eclipse meeting August 2. The DLGF workshop is 10:15 August 4. The Museum Ice Cream Social is August 5.

Senior citizens are invited to sign up for CICOA luncheon + fresh produce program. It has been popular.

Judy motioned to adjourn the July board meeting with a second by Jennifer at 7:21 p.m. Vote 4-0.

Christine Sterle, Secretary Pro-tem