

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees  
June 19, 2023  
Minutes

President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present were Jennifer Bopp, Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Barb Hillger, and Director Christine Sterle.

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

Jennifer moved to approve the May Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Christine. Barb seconded. Vote 5-0

Christine presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for May, 2023 were \$26,413.58. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$61,088.72. May's ending cash balance was \$893,853.45 with investments of \$275,099.04. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,169,002.49. Jennifer moved to accept the report; Amber seconded. Vote 5-0

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Sugar Creek Historical Society recommends following the advice of contract Paul Nicley in making improvements to the Gillan barn. The board would like to preserve and weatherproof the barn and pursue funding for multiple repair issues over a period of years. Thorntown Heritage Museum is open for the season with Saturday hours of 11am-4pm throughout the summer. The Ice Cream Social has been scheduled for August 5.

Old business:

The board discussed the library improvement project proposed by OMS Architects. After learning more about the bond process and the potential tax impact, the board decided to focus this project on library needs – roof, carpet, meeting room improvements – that would best preserve the building and benefit the community. Christine will reach out to bond counsel, financial advisors, and architect for next steps.

New Business:

Christine shared the results of the staff meeting and security walkthrough with BSCO Sgt. Neil Randolph. The board asked that she seek out estimate for bullet resistant laminate film for certain areas of the building.

Director's Report

Summer reading is off to a wonderful start. Current program registrations: youth – 185; teen – 53, adults – 49. In-person programs have been well-attended and staff are receiving thanks and compliments for offering these fun and educational opportunities.

Christine shared information about the circulating video game collection. Staff will monitor the collection's use and whether there are future issues with theft and/or loss.

The 2024 DLGF and SBOA budget and accounting workshops were informative. Christine will contact AdTec to learn more about their capital asset management services. Heather

Barron, the new Indiana State Library Northwest Regional Coordinator, will visit the library in July.

Coming up – Roz Puppets June 20, Teen “Call of the Wild” program Wednesday, Color Thursday! Please sign up for the June 26 blood drive.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the June board meeting with a second by Barb at 7:24 p.m. Vote 5-0.

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Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary