

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
March 13, 2023
Minutes

President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Jennifer Bopp, Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Barb Hillger, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Barb moved to approve the agenda with a second by Barney. Vote 6-0

Judy moved to approve the February Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Barney seconded. Vote 6-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for February 2023 were \$28,276.90. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$56,972.01. February's ending cash balance was \$992,737.22 with investments of \$274,970.69. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,267,707.91.

Linda moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Amber. Vote 6-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum report: SCHS is still gathering estimates for the barn. The historical society is purchasing 200 sets of 4 notecards with envelopes to sell at the festival and possibly around town, as a fundraiser. The museum has offered these notecards in the past. Sterilite tubs for storage have been approved by the SCHS board. Sandy will purchase tubs as needed, rather than in bulk, from Walmart. The Indiana Historical Society recommends this brand as they are good for 10 years vs. 1 year for cardboard. 18 attended the last Euchre night and raised \$476 for the Crockett family.

Library Annual Report – Christine presented the Annual Report. Linda moved to accept the report with a second by Barney. Vote 7-0

Old Business:

Meeting Room Policy – Christine shared a draft of an updated policy. Jennifer moved to approve the presented draft with a second by Barb. Vote 7-0

New Business:

Resolution for Nonresident Fee – The fee is now \$130.68. Barney moved to approve the fee with a second from Barb. Vote 7-0

Sugar Creek Tree Care quoted \$3300 in October 2022 to remove 5 pear trees (2 on south, 3 on north) and grind stumps. We can determine what to plant in their place at a later time, perhaps in the fall. Barney moved to proceed with the project with a second by Barb. Vote 7-0

Mango Languages – Mango for libraries offers over 70 world language courses that patrons may access with their library card. The price is \$1,150 for one year with a discount for multi-year contracts. Judy moved to approve purchasing for one year with a second by Jennifer. Vote 7-0

Director's Report

The Spelling Bee was a success with around 70 in attendance.

ENA will upgrade the library's internet to 1Gbps in July 2023.

Christine shared personnel updates with the board.

OMS will provide a project update for the next board meeting.

The VITA program has been well-received. The first two appointment days were busy with clients and the third day was several follow-up visits.

The next Euchre night will benefit TPL youth summer reading. It will be held March 25 at 5:30.

Christine registered for a table top gaming roundtable in Pendleton in mid-April and is investigating best practices to relaunch a quarterly game night. We hope to host game night on the 2nd Friday 4 times per year with Bingo 8 times per year. Bingo is going well. There were 31 at the last event.

SB12 is currently in House education committee. Please reach out to your representative regarding this if you can.

Water came in during windy rainy weather March 3. It entered in the processing and treasurer's offices and the ceiling in adult services office. None of these places are new; we've been troubleshooting them for a while. Hinshaw will be out to check.

Barney and Kathy shared their thoughts regarding the Thorntown visioning process meeting they attended.

Judy motioned to adjourn the March board meeting with a second by Amber at 7:34 p.m. Vote 7-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary