

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees  
November 13, 2023  
Minutes

President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Jennifer Bopp, Amber Brown, 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 4-0

Judy moved to approve the October 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 October, 2023 were \$26,535.34. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$51,137.24. October's ending cash balance was \$1,065,413.16 with investments of \$275,575.86. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,341,039.02.

Judy 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 – The Sugar Creek Historical Society met on Thursday, October 19 before the presentation by Ronald P. May on his book about World War II monuments. There were 14 in attendance. The board purchased a signed copy of the book to add to the library's collection. The board discussed the possible acceptance of a large donation. Kirsten and Karen will determine if the donation could be safely stored in the Vine Street barn as there is no room in the museum.

Old Business:

We will make a formal request to the Boone County Commissioners for ARPA funds for the roof/chimney portion of the project. Matt will be sending us updated costs.

New Business:

Board Officers – according to our bylaws we must elect board officers for the coming year each November. After discussion, Amber moved we elect the officers as follows:

- President – Barb Hillger
- Vice-President – Chuck Behrens
- Secretary – Linda Fahrenbach
- Treasurer Liaison – Jennifer Bopp

Judy seconded the motion. Vote 6-0

The WAVE program is planning to cancel their monthly internet and would like to be able to use a hotspot from the library each week. After discussion it was felt by all that if a hotspot is available the director of WAVE, Angie Moody, may check one out as any patron in good standing may do.

AdTec, our E-Rate funding consultant, has given us the option to renew our contract for 1-3 years. The advantage of going with a 3-year contract is the price is locked-in for those 3

years. After discussion, Barb moved to go with the 3-year locked-in contract and Jennifer seconded. Vote 6-0

#### Director's Report

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library went live November 9. There are 36 children registered so far. We are going to ask the Friends to purchase a Dolly standup for Christmas and other uses.

Christine updated the board about 2024 Eclipse plans. She has been trying to communicate with the town, police, fire, etc. about whether to host an event. Most other communities are doing something – festival atmosphere with entertainment, food, activities, etc.

The Glow-in-the-Dark Scavenger Hunt was well-attended – 16 teens, 4 teams of 4. \.

Staff are going through the website page by page to help Alec keep it up to date.

We are continuing to go through the reference section with some titles moving to non-fiction and removing others that are outdated or unused.

Upcoming – Euchre on Saturday, playing for the WAVE program. Vaccine clinic scheduled for November 29 – flu + covid. Christmas at the library December 4, 6-8 pm; this year we are hosting a reindeer meet & greet rather than 2 animal shows.

Amber motioned to adjourn the November board meeting with a second by Barb at 7:04 p.m. Vote 6-0.



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Christine Sterle, Secretary Pro-tem