

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
October 9, 2023
Minutes

President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Also present were Jennifer Bopp, Linda Fahrenbach, Barb Hillger, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Linda moved to approve the agenda with a second by Jennifer. Vote 6-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for September, 2023 were \$26,556.65. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$49,206.12. September's ending cash balance was \$1,094,261.57 with investments of \$275,454.53. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,369,766.10.

Barbara Darnell presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending September 30, 2023. Judy moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Linda. Vote 6-0. No PLAC cards were sold third quarter 2023.

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – Dave's Blue Barrel Train has 10 cars and was full every trip from 2-4 pm on Festival Saturday. One 90-year-old lady grinned from ear to ear after being helped into the train; her husband took a photo. Boone Honey Farm made a donation in appreciation for booth space in front of the museum.

No mice have been caught but traps are still set. Treats and snack bags have been purchased for Halloween trick-or-treating. The Sugar Creek Home Extension Club will prepare 200 bags for the museum visitors. Marc Lehmann will perform magic on the porch.

Ron May will speak on October 19 at the annual membership meeting to be held at the library at 7 pm. World War Indiana Monuments is the title. All Friends of TPL memberships expire on December 31, 2023. President Kelly Frank prepared a letter to members and renewals have begun arriving.

Old Business:

Personnel Update – Kirsten Wamsley began employment on 9/26/23 as Local History Librarian & Museum Coordinator.

New Business:

Budget Adoption – As no changes were made since last report all board members present signed form 4.

2024 Holidays & Closings – There are 7 full holidays, 2 early holiday closings, and 2 closings proposed:

- Jan 1 NYD
- April 8 Eclipse (closing)

- May 27 Memorial Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- Sept 2 Labor Day
- Sept 28 festival (closing)
- Nov 27 close at 2:00
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Dec 31 close at 4:00 (NYE)

Jennifer moved to approve the proposed holidays and closings for calendar year 2024 with a second by Barb. Vote 6-0

TAG (Teen Advisory Group), at their October meeting, decided they would like to have a glow-in-the-dark/blacklight scavenger hunt. Barb would like to hold the event on a Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00. We would close the library at 7:00 so kids can hunt. Four staff members would work the event. There will be no entry allowed after 7:00 pm and no leaving the event until it is over. We are proposing November 9 (after fall time change) so it will be darker at 7:00. After a short discussion Jennifer moved to approve the event with a second by Barb. Vote 6-0

Director's Report

All paperwork has been submitted for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. We are planning to launch at our family Christmas party (if allowed by DPIL), otherwise sometime in December.

The fountain and railings look really nice. Helen will be lifted and cattails installed soon. They should be able to do this onsite – if not, Helen will go to the shop for cattail work.

The fire damper actuators have been replaced and are working properly.

Christine updated the board on a recent out-of-town visitor, the bond project, and library maintenance issues.

Coming up – Eclipse program tomorrow night, Community Bingo Friday at 6:00, Annular Eclipse Saturday around 1:00 pm, Blood Drive Monday, October 16 from 1:45-5:00 pm.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the October board meeting with a second by Barney at 7:02 p.m. Vote 6-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary