

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
February 12, 2024
Minutes

President Barb Hillger called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, Jennifer Bopp, Linda Fahrenbach, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

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

Jaclyn Ricci with Ladybug Pest & Wildlife Control presented their findings regarding the bats in our attic. Two estimates were presented. For clean up after bat removal the total is \$12,453.20. Sealing openings in the roof totaled \$3,640.00. She gave suggestions regarding our next steps in dealing with the issue.

Judy moved to approve the January 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 January, 2024 were \$27,836.28. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$116,032.99. January's ending cash balance was \$1,119,146.91 with investments of \$275,935.93. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,395,132.84.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

The Sugar Creek Historical Society met January 18, 2024. They have received a few large donations into the Gillan barn. They are still working to time the sequence of barn repairs before fundraising. The SCHS board is planning to attend a town council meeting. Leslie Doctor, who is on the SCHS board and is Thorntown Park Board president, would like to plan a farmer's market. Museum programs are being planned for the coming year. SCHS meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the museum.

Old Business:

Eclipse 2024 – The town/parks department have not made plans for an event. Kirsten is working on a digital scrapbook of Boone County/Indiana eclipse celebrations. Closer to the date we will ask the community to share any captured images and/or memories of the day. TPL Eclipse glasses giveaway will begin March 1.

New Business:

Christine has reached out to MCLS for a quote on strategic planning services. We will need to develop a strategic plan for 2025-2029 this year.

The board discussed creating a Building Improvement Committee to drive bond issue/additional appropriations/improvement plan. Barney and Chuck volunteered to serve.

Shelving Project – Christine shared some plans to shift the collection, beginning with moving the magazines to the Guinn room. This will require purchase of several Magboxes.

Jennifer moved to approve the Magbox purchase for \$1,840 + s&h with a second by Chuck.
Vote 6-0

Director's Report

Christine asked for volunteers for the March 2 spelling bee. The annual chili cookoff is this Saturday at the Sugar Creek Art Center from 5:00-8:00 pm; the library will have an entry.

The library will be joining Instagram soon. There are plans to install a key/comment/donation depository box for the meeting room hallway.

Evergreen had an upgrade a few weeks ago. Alec is now a LocalAdmin. Aspen Discovery layer is coming to the library's catalog. This overlay should improve the user experience.

We have replaced a few broken hotspots. There was no charge for this.

We currently have 78 children signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Three have graduated already.

Legislative update: SB 32 Tax and Fiscal Control Over Libraries was referred to committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy. It has not been called for hearing and likely will not this session. Expect this to come up in future sessions.

The February board meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Chuck Behrens at 7:26 after a motion to adjourn by Judy with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0.



Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary