

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
April 14, 2025
Minutes

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

Judy moved to approve the agenda with a second by Chuck. Vote 4-0

Barb moved to approve the March Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Judy seconded. Vote 4-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for March 2025 were \$28,329.88. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$54,740.00. March's ending cash balance was \$1,114,352.29 with investments of \$277,603.38. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,392,005.67.

Barbara presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending March 31, 2025.

Barb moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Chuck. Vote 4-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – The estimate from Indiana Foundation Service for foundation repairs is \$67,000. We are in the process of requesting more estimates.

PLAC – Zero PLAC cards were sold first quarter 2025.

Annual Report – Christine shared highlights of the Annual Report. Barb moved to approve the report with a second by Jennifer. Vote 5-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

Christine shared an estimate for JL Hardwood Flooring to refinish the Carnegie floor. They have offered to complete the work over a weekend to avoid disrupting library business. Christine will seek an additional quote; the board agreed that she may proceed with choosing the contractor after receiving additional estimate(s). Barb moved to approve with a second from Jennifer. Vote 5-0.

Kathy Bowen shared information about a potential partnership with Sugar Creek Art Center to offer arts-themed programming for adult summer reading. Last summer's Lifelong Arts programming was very popular, so we thought it would be fun to have something for this summer's "Color Our World" theme that is also open to all adults. Terri Gavin is proposing two types of classes – clay and canvas. The clay classes would be 3 sessions each, with a daytime and evening option, and canvas painting is one session (day or evening). Each class can accommodate up to 20 artists (80 total). Friends of TPL have agreed to fund 50% of the class fee. Will TPL fund the other 50% so that we can offer at no charge to the community? Barb moved to approve funding 50% with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

Director's Report

Christine shared some information and statistics regarding the library's digital resources, specifically Libby (Overdrive) and Hoopla downloadable ebooks and audiobooks. These two services account for over 25% of our circulations.

South wall painting will happen soon. Once it is done, a table will be placed in the southwest corner for patron use. I will call about blinds/shades for the west windows so we'll have an estimate for the May meeting.

The Comfort Cabinet is stocked and there is signage around the library.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library update – Christine met with directors from Lebanon PL, Hussey Mayfield Memorial PL, and DPIL regional coordinator Katie to discuss funding the program moving forward.

Website Accessibility – TPL as a unit that serves under 50,000 has until 2027 to make available a fully ADA-accessible site.

Barb motioned to adjourn the April board meeting with a second by Chuck at 7:11 p.m. Vote 5-0.



Christine Sterle, Secretary Pro-tem