

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
December 9, 2024
Minutes

President Barb Hillger called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, Jennifer Bopp, 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 Chuck. Vote 5-0

Barney moved to approve the November Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Jennifer seconded. Vote 5-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for November 2024 were \$27,278.73. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$66,438.64. November's ending cash balance was \$1,067,408.82 with investments of \$277,126.93. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,344,585.75.

Barney moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – Kirsten provided updates on recent and coming programs, including two outreach programs scheduled for January 2025. She will also be meeting with County Historian Eric Spall (Lebanon Public Library) to collaborate on future projects. The next museum program is the Memorial Day Open House. SCHS has not met since October; the next meeting is in January.

Old Business: 2025 Board Officers - according to our bylaws we must elect board officers for the coming year each November. The slate that was discussed during November's meeting was discussed again. Chuck moved we elect the officers as follows:

- President – Barney Lewis
- Vice-President – Barb Hillger
- Secretary – Linda Fahrenbach
- Treasurer Liaison – Judy Johnson

Jennifer seconded the motion. Vote 5-0

New Business:

2025-2029 Strategic Plan – after the draft provided was discussed, Jennifer moved we approve the plan. Barney seconded. Vote 5-0

Circulation Policy – Due to recent changes in Evergreen Indiana's circulation policy the library needs to adopt a separate circulation policy. After discussing the draft provided Judy moved to approve the policy. Jennifer seconded. Vote 5-0

Christine shared information about a recent meeting with Streamline. Streamline is a website platform that focuses on ease of use and ADA compliance. After onboarding, this service would cost \$500/mo. The board requested that we seek local references and information about other companies that offer this service.

Director's Report

Around 400 people attended the Christmas party in spite of the weather. The reindeer was about an hour late, the printer broke, cameras barely got charged, but in spite of all that, all went well. Silly Safaris originally charged \$950 but we agreed to settle on \$750 as payment for the event. TPL paid for Silly Safaris and the Friends paid for the magician and donation for Santa & Mrs. Claus.

The library is demoing a Verkada camera. The current camera system is functioning; this demo is for information purposes and potential future upgrade. Verkada cameras are cloud-based IP cameras. The library can share access with others via text/link for a prescribed amount of time and it is searchable.

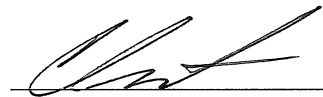
We are 3 months out from Mango Language subscription renewal. In the past 12 months, there have been 61 user sessions. That's about \$20/session, and the average session is 7 minutes. There are 21 registered users. After discussion, it was decided to allow the Mango subscription to lapse in March 2025 and seek language learning alternatives.

The staff Christmas pitch-in is Friday. There will be a gift exchange and meal.

Christine shared a brief personnel update. The new custodian is doing well. Staff are finishing up vacation/holiday time.

There were no alerts during the quarterly bed bug inspection. Both library and museum were checked.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the December board meeting with a second by Judy at 7:08 p.m. Vote 5-0.



Christine Sterle, Secretary *pro tem*