

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
February 10, 2025
Minutes

President Barney Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present were Jennifer Bopp, Barb Hillger, Linda Fahrenbach, Judy Johnson, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Barb moved to approve the agenda with a second by Linda. Vote 4-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for January, 2025 were \$28,535.74. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$57,741.91. January's ending cash balance was \$1,185,939.01 with investments of \$277,370.79. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,463,359.80.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – The new stairs are complete in the barn. A new project has been started – oral history interviews focusing on businesses in town after the 1920s/1930s map was compiled. We are working on updating the Native American room. Opening day is Memorial Day.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Floor Maintenance Estimate – The total estimate from ServPro is \$5,949.99. This includes:

Meeting room floors – clean floor, strip and wax in hallways, meeting rooms, kitchen and snack (lobby) area (\$2,953.61)

Restrooms (5) – steam clean, brush and seal grout lines in restrooms (\$2,996.38)

Barb moved to approve the estimate from ServPro with a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Comfort Cabinet – We have a 10-cubbie locker in our storage room that isn't being well-used. Christine has seen a few libraries that have a "comfort cabinet" or something similar. It's a mini-pantry that makes necessities available to the public at no charge – tissue pocket packs, dental hygiene products, travel size shampoo/conditioner, lotion, feminine hygiene products, rain ponchos, and seasonal items (handwarmers, gloves/mittens, sunscreen). We would like to use the locker as a cabinet, place it in the lower-level west foyer, and ask for Friends/community/local business or civic organization support.

Director's Report

Christine is ordering new computer lab chairs. The cost will be \$800-1,200 for 4 chairs (including assembly and delivery).

We are launching a "Seed Library" in the spring, thanks to a Boone County Master Gardener's grant that Kirsten received.

We are working to get more duplicate keys made, especially for the meeting rooms. Mulhaupts in Lafayette will cut new sets and save our information for future needs.

The Annual Report is underway and Christine will have a full report in March. Barb is working on the financial report.

Electronic Systems Group tested our fire alarms, exit lights, etc. on Monday. The few lights that failed were rectified by Adams Electric on Friday.

ILF released a statement on SB 1: Property Tax Reform. Christine forwarded this to the board this afternoon.

Kathy is working on another Arts Programming Grant. We are also thinking about ideas for summer arts programming to go with our "Color Our World" summer reading theme.

The Friends board meeting is tomorrow at 4pm.

Christine will be attending the Boone County State of the Community Wednesday morning.

Christine will talk with AdTec regarding Capital Assets on Friday. She is interested in their services to manage our assets as required by SBOA. We may vote to raise our Capital Assets threshold at the March meeting – currently it's at \$500.

Upcoming programs: Bingo on Friday, Euchre for New Beginnings Food Pantry February 22, SCAC chili cookoff March 1.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the February board meeting with a second by Barb at 7:04 p.m. Vote 5-0.



Linda Fahrenbach
Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary