

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
March 10, 2025
Minutes

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

Judy moved to approve the agenda with a second by Amber. Vote 5-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for February, 2025 were \$28,296.57. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$69,231.22. February's ending cash balance was \$1,144,750.22 with investments of \$277,481.15. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,422,281.37.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – Ben Truitt, Thorntown building inspector, met with us for a tour of the barn to make sure we are in compliance with local building codes and safety. Christine has also reached out to Doug Pedigo to make sure we are good with insurance as well. No new barn work has been done since the stairs were completed. Our Native American room is still a work in-progress.

Annual Report – information will be shared at the April meeting.

Old Business:

Website Compliance – Christine shared costs from several companies. She will be attending a webinar regarding the DOJ ruling/ADA compliance next week and will share what she learns.

New Business:

Concrete Repair – After discussion of the three estimates received for repairing the lower level west entrance steps, Barb moved to approve the estimate from Mattingly Concrete for \$15,199.30 (4-5 days). Amber seconded. Vote 6-0

Our Nonresident Fee for 2025 is \$145.00.

Imagination Library – The remaining balance in our Dolly Parton's Imagination Library fund is \$657.54. Christine recommended we deposit \$4,080.00 from our gift fund to DPIL. This should fund 2 years if the 50% match is preserved; 1 year if not. Barb moved to approve the deposit with a second from Linda. Vote 6-0

Christine shared a copier quote from Indiana Business Solutions. The current least is up in July of this year. The board may consider at a future meeting.

Director's Report

Christine met with AdTec and found out they do not take clients with capital asset thresholds under \$5000.

The hallway display case will be donated to the museum; the goal is to have it moved before the floor refinishing.

Donations have been requested for the Comfort Cabinet. We have received toothbrushes from Keck Family Dentistry. Friends of TPL have agreed to a \$200 initial investment to stock the cabinet.

The Seed Library will have an early launch party on March 17. Official opening is March 20.

The Spelling Bee was a success with 8 teams (24 participants) and about 25 in the audience. The winning team (Chester Bee Arthur) saw the program advertised on the town sign as they were passing through – they're from Westfield and Noblesville!

The floor project will take place March 24-27.

The library was inspected for pests today with no hits. Both properties will again be inspected in June.

The Friends are applying for a Bingo gaming license for the Bingo event in conjunction with the Festival of the Turning Leaves.

We are planning some improvements in the stacks. Christine will get quotes for painting, window shades, and some furniture in the next month. This will come from the gift fund/furniture budget.

The Indiana Library Federation Advocacy Committee is drafting additional language for legislators on SB 1 and HB 1001, specifically in regards to State Library funding cuts. ILF is still advocating for a solution to the state funding for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Coming up – Budgeting 101 session is tomorrow at 6:00. The Seed Library Launch part is Monday @ 4:30. Euchre is playing for ARC of Boone County on March 22. The Genealogy Escape Experience is April 4 & 5 and the Rube Goldberg Machine program is April 19.

Linda motioned to adjourn the March board meeting with a second by Amber at 7:07 p.m. Vote 6-0.



Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary