

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
May 12, 2025
Minutes

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

Linda moved to approve the agenda with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for April, 2025 were \$30,232.66. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$72,296.22. April's ending cash balance was \$1,058,856.22 with investments of \$277,721.72. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,336,627.94.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – SCHS has received one additional foundation estimate from Crossroads and two pole barn estimates from Dunn Contracting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Adeline Smith's last day was April 30. A new salary ordinance, with the addition of two summer pages included, was presented. Barb moved to approve the ordinance with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

Budget Blinds submitted a quote for \$3,712 for two windows in the youth department and solar shades for three big windows in the adult stacks. Barb moved to approve the quote with a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Christine submitted a draft of a Social Media Policy. After discussion, Barb moved to approve the policy with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

An estimate was presented for \$5,950 from Young & Sons to repair a crumbling drain in the east parking lot. Barb moved to approve the estimate with a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Director's Report

Christine shared that she had written a letter requesting a waiver for not meeting the requirement for 8% expenditure for library materials in 2024. Lillian has created a more visually appealing version of the Strategic Plan for the website. The Marketing Team has created Community Posting & In-House Marketing Guidelines. This will help alleviate the visual clutter that sometimes accumulates on library walls, doors, and bulletin boards.

We have come up with a way to replace OPACs when needed - a tablet kiosk. The Friends will fund this expenditure. Christine shared various updates on director's meetings, library visits, and Boone County Council. The library may also need to change book vendors in the future due to poor fulfillment rates.

Carnegie floor refinishing is still upcoming – no firm date yet. The Marketing Team is investigating an Android phone for social media posting, photo taking, etc. On May 29 Christine will attend the Indiana State Library's budgeting workshop. On June 19 there will be a DLGF legislative update.

The Friends Annual Meeting, Plant Swap, and Program are tomorrow evening and the book sale starts tomorrow and will run through May 20.

Judy motioned to adjourn the May board meeting with a second by Barb at 7:12 p.m. Vote 5-0.



Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary