

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
November 11, 2024
Minutes

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

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

Judy moved to approve the October 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 October, 2024 were \$27,640.14. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$77,208.11. October's ending cash balance was \$1,126,031.84 with investments of \$277,009.17. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,403,091.01.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – SCHS has secured a grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County for \$11,000. This brings the amount raised for the project over \$15,000. Dunwoody Construction has been advised we have the funding to begin the project and a timeline is being established. We hope to be able to have a ribbon cutting celebration in August. The library board will be invited. We will be celebrating the grant award on Wednesday at 3:30. Our next event is also a library event, Legend of the Dreamcatcher, on Friday, November 15 at 4:30 in the meeting rooms. We will be making dreamcatchers. The event has so much interest it is going on the road to Crown Pointe of Lebanon for its residents. This is the 3rd scheduled outreach program I have signed up for, and this will become a more frequent thing. The museum is also participating in Thorntown Parks and Recreation's Holiday on Main Street December 8 from 4:00-6:00pm. In addition to me serving on the committee that is helping plan, the museum will have an antique toys exhibit. I will be doing presentations on certain toys every 30 minutes from 4-5:30. I will also have coloring sheets available for a coloring contest. The pages will be displayed at the library somewhere still to be determined. I was finally able to reach the genealogical society and have invited them to participate with me at the library and bring meetings here and am waiting on their response.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2025 Board Officers – A slate was discussed with tentative nominations as follows:

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

A formal slate will be adopted at the December meeting.

Salary Ordinance – The 2025 Salary Ordinance was presented by Christine. Jennifer moved to approve with a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Director's Report

Christine share updates on the library's Vote Center and Halloween visitors.

The strategic plan will include three focus areas: Improve & Grow Physical Space; Enhance Programming & Services; Champion & Reflect Our Community. These were determined following the October 28 retreat, then handed off to staff at Friday's operational retreat.

Our new custodian is currently training. Melissa's last day is Friday. Phillip's regular shift will be 6am-3pm, Monday-Friday.

The HVAC controls transition is mostly done.

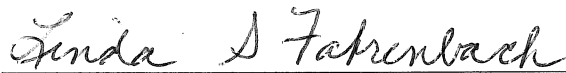
The parking lot repair is scheduled for next week (Monday/Tuesday).

Lebanon Public Library is closed another week (through 11/25).

Coming up: Friends board meeting tomorrow at 4:00; meeting with Verkada regarding security cameras Thursday; Dreamcatcher program Friday at 4:30; Annual Report & Bookkeeping workshop next week (Thursday).

TPL Christmas is Monday, December 2 at 6:00 pm. FYI someone from Girl Scouts of Central Indiana inquired about having a booth at the event; we advised that we couldn't accommodate them but we could have fliers available in public spaces during the event.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the November board meeting with a second by Barney at 6:43 p.m. Vote 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda S Fahrenbach". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary