

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
April 15, 2024
Minutes

President Barb Hillger called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, Linda Fahrenbach, 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 Barney. Vote 4-0

Barney moved to approve the April Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Chuck seconded. Vote 4-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for March, 2024 were \$27,388.44. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$50,572.25. March's ending cash balance was \$1,063,807.95 with investments of \$276,170.60. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,340,028.55.

Barbara Darnell presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending March 31, 2024.

Judy 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 (and Ollie) return to work tomorrow. On April 5 Drew Guenther inspected the barn. Items discussed were redesigning the stairs to have a landing, adjusting the railing to upstairs, proper tread depth, etc. Permits would be needed. Also discussed concrete for the sidewalk and ADA standards. The Subaru grant proposal has been submitted. Kirsten is working on an Eclipse scrapbook and gathering memorabilia. The museum opening day is Memorial Day (May 27, 11:00-4:00).

PLAC Report – no PLAC cards were sold first quarter 2024.

Old Business:

Estimates have been received from Smither (\$32,680) and Cornett (\$16,075) to repair the tile roof. Either company will coordinate with The Ladybug. Chuck moved to accept the bid from Cornett with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0 Good news – no new water during all the rain in the past few weeks!

A proposal for Strategic Planning Services was received from MCLS (Midwest Collaborative for Library Services) for \$17,000. After discussion, Chuck moved to approve the proposal from MCLS with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0

New Business:

We are seeking proposals as OCS notified us that our current Compass HVAC software is no longer supported. We will need to upgrade soon. They will give us a quote but we are also seeking a quote from North Mechanical.

We would like to purchase one 3-foot section of 24" deep, 84" tall steel shelving for adult stacks. Price with discount + SH is around \$1,300. Barney moved to approve the shelving purchase with a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Christine proposed opening late (noon) on Friday, May 31 for staff training from 9:00-12:00. Topics include TPL policy, Aspen Discovery System, digital services, and more. Judy moved to approve the late opening with a second by Chuck. Vote 5-0

Director's Report

Thanks to the Board for all the wonderful treats for National Library Week!

TPL was listed as a place to donate in honor of Fern Miner. We will try to think of something special.

We are working on the Creative Aging arts grant with artist Terri Gavin. She has some great ideas! The deadline for submitting the grant request is May 3.

Dunwoody replaced a section of fence for the mechanical courtyard.

The fountain pump installation will take place Friday. The cattails were installed today.

The Friends book sale is May 14-23. The Friends Annual Meeting with guest Lori Rader Day is May 14 at 6:45.

There is a blood drive on Monday, April 22.

Chuck motioned to adjourn the April board meeting with a second by Linda at 6:58 p.m. Vote 5-0.


Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary