

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees  
June 10, 2024  
Minutes

President Barb Hillger called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, 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 Chuck. Vote 4-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for May 2024 were \$27,375.39. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$36,756.02. May's ending cash balance was \$997,527.98 with investments of \$276,409.37. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,273,987.35.

Christine added a verbal claim for an additional \$1,585.00 for Smart Manufacturing. Chuck moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Judy. Vote 4-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

The Thorntown Heritage Museum is open for the season. They collected around \$100 during the Memorial Day open house. A presentation of wedding dresses is planned for June 22 at 1:00pm. They are still in need of volunteers for some Saturdays.

Old Business:

Thorntown Utilities has added more gravel to the hole in the parking lot.

Strategic Planning – So far, our board participants are Barney, Jennifer, Amber and possibly Barb. The survey questions have been sent to Pam at MCLS. Key dates are: Kickoff, July 29, 10-12; Survey will be open August 5-24; Interviews will be held July 29-September 6; Community conversations will be held August 19-22; Strategic Planning Retreat is October 28.

Christine shared options for the HVAC controls software upgrade. OCS provided two options: software only \$6,275; software + controller \$18,005. North Mechanical also provided two options: software + controller \$18,944, or a full system upgrade for \$41,836. After discussion Chuck motioned we accept the full system upgrade quote from North Mechanical at \$41,836. Judy seconded. Vote 4-0

New Business: None

Director's Report

We had over 100 people sign up for Summer Reading the first day! Currently there are 297 signed up (187 youth, 69 teens, 41 adults).

The staff meeting went well. Christine thanked the board for providing the time to meet. A replacement fan for the elevator has been ordered (\$685). They are waiting on parts.

Carnival volunteers are needed! The carnival is on Thursday, June 20 from 2-3:30. Kathy shared plans for "Connecting with Art at the Sugar Creek Art Center" for ages 60+, made possible by a \$5000 grant from the Indiana Arts Commission. TPL will offer CICOA Dementia Friends program on July 8 at noon.

New shelving was received with damage. It has been reported to Demco and we're awaiting a resolution. Early voting is conflicting with our Spooky Rooms at the Library on Halloween. We have a plan for early voting to be held in the Carnegie. Actual voting day (November 5) will be in the meeting rooms.

Dillon Maurath has been hired to help Barb with hauling water and setting up for programs during Summer Reading.

Barney motioned to adjourn the June board meeting with a second by Chuck at 6:54 p.m. Vote 4-0.



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Christine Sterle, Secretary Pro tem