

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees  
March 11, 2024  
Minutes

Vice-President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, Jennifer Bopp, Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Linda moved to approve the agenda with a second by Amber. Vote 6-0

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

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for February, 2024 were \$27,347.93. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$68,149.84. February's ending cash balance was \$1,087,883.03 with investments of \$276,049.33. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,363,982.36.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Repairs and improvements to the barn at Thorntown Heritage Museum are underway.

Annual Report – After sharing and discussing the finalized Annual Report, Judy moved to approve the report with a second by Amber. Vote 6-0

#### Old Business:

Roof Repair – Christine shared an estimate from Smither. Cornett Roofing will provide an estimate later this week.

Wildlife Exclusion – Lady Bug Pest & Wildlife Control has been updated regarding the roof repair estimate gathering and will coordinate the exclusion once a proposal has been accepted.

#### New Business:

Our Nonresident Fee for 2024 is \$135.70.

#### Director's Report

We should expect a proposal form MCLS for strategic planning services at our April meeting.

The Evergreen Indiana meeting was today. Chance got a shout out from his old office mate. There are 131 Evergreen Indiana libraries. Over half of all libraries in Indiana are Evergreen Indiana libraries. Over half of EI libraries are fine free. Kathy has been nominated for the Patron Services committee.

Programs are going well. The Craft Swap is scheduled for Saturday from 10am-3pm. Drop off is scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Barb Lebo has arranged to visit Thorntown Elementary to promote summer reading.

Brose Lawn & Landscape has topped off the mulch, cleaned up near old pear trees and planted grass seed.

Our magazine collection has been relocated and the reference collection will be moved into its old spot in the next week or so. Any thoughts on what to do with a century's worth of National Geographic?

We have scheduled a special event this fall – On Saturday, September 21, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will present Teddy Bear Symphony.

The March board meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Chuck Behrens at 7:03 after a motion to adjourn by Amber with a second by Jennifer. Vote 6-0.

  
Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary