

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees  
July 8, 2024  
Minutes

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

Linda moved to approve the agenda with a second by Judy. Vote 4-0

Judy moved to approve the June 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 June, 2024 were \$393,957.85. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$83,533.50. June's ending cash balance was \$1,311,561.96 with investments of \$276,526.88. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,588,138.84.

Barbara Darnell presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending June 30, 2024.

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

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Christine shared Kirsten's Thorntown Heritage Museum report: The total spent so far on barn renovations is \$21,050. SCHS has a quote for more work to be done at \$14,300; there is currently less than \$4,000 in the account so they will turn to grants and fundraising. Two fundraisers are planned – the Ice Cream Social on August 3 and a painting fundraiser on October 4. The booths at the first 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the Thorntown park were well received. Kirsten is interested in hosting a similar booth during the Festival or other local pop-up events. Volunteers are still needed for August and September at the museum. The Museum has four item/collections to enter in the Open Show at the Boone County fair. Kirsten is reaching out to local scouts, schools, and homeschooling groups to get more people into the museum and interested in history. The Museum can now accept donations via Square.

Old Business:

The Ladybug Estimate for bat exclusion is \$2,041 to install bat valve, soffit return and gable vent + caulking. Jennifer moved to approve the estimate with a second by Amber. Vote 5-0

Christine shared an update on the 2025 budget draft. Projected MLGQ is 4% but hasn't been confirmed. The target max operating budget for 2025 will be \$890,920 and Rainy Day at \$125,000.

No PLAC cards were sold second quarter 2024.

It is time for our Commitment to Join ISL Consortium for Public Library Internet Access for Funding Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This is how the library secures E-Rate funding for internet. Linda moved to approve the Commitment with a second by Jennifer. Vote 5-0

## Director's Report

On June 26 the fire alarm panel alerted because a stacks sensor (18) malfunctioned. ESG is scheduled to visit Friday. Later in the day the internet went out and stayed out overnight (Metronet outage). Overnight Wednesday there was another alarm – this time one that summoned the fire department. Karen came in and contacted ESG to put the system on test (recommended by firemen), which they did. ESG came Thursday (27<sup>th</sup>) and determined that one sensor needed cleaned and the other one has gone bad. They've disconnected the defective sensor from the system and are working to find a replacement. However, newer sensors are not compatible with our system, so we may need a new panel if ESG can't find a sensor that works with it. The panel was last replaced in 2015 for around \$10,000. The system was installed in 2004 for around \$21,000.

Christine has notified OCS that the library will not renew with them. North Mechanical is ordering parts and hoping to install in late August or early September. AVC (tech folks) have been notified. North Mechanical is also getting 2025 budget numbers together.

The cab fan in the elevator has been replaced.

We are still waiting on shelving. Mandy has had a great money-saving idea about the old video shelving.

Summer reading has been great! Signed up: 375! (youth 232, teen 84, adult 59). The Bluey Party was crazy busy with 271 in attendance. Programs this week – Super Summer Bingo tomorrow and Box Maze Thursday. The rescheduled Color Run is next week.

The Dementia Friends program was very good. Christine would like to have Helee back next year for a staff in-service training. Ten people attended Book Discussion today. Bingo is Friday. Euchre Night on July 27 will support the Festival of the Turning Leaves.

The Strategic Plan kickoff meeting is Monday, July 29 from 10-noon. Barb Hillger plans to attend.

Barb Darnell and Christine have our budget workshop with DLGF on Monday, August 5 at 1:00.

Amber motioned to adjourn the July board meeting with a second by Jennifer at 6:55 p.m. Vote 5-0.

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Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary