

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
October 14, 2024
Minutes

President Barb Hilger called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Also present were Judy Johnson, Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbra Darnell.

Judy motioned to approve the agenda with a second by Barney. Vote 5- 0

Barney moved to approve the Secretary's report with additional claims as presented by Barbra Darnell. Judy seconded. Voted 5-0

Barbra presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for September 2024 are \$27,339.29. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$62,757.28. September's ending cash balance was \$1,213,766.85 with investments of \$276,887.54. Total cash/investments were \$1,490,704.39.

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

One person was present for public input - Ron Burnett.

The Board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum - The museum is closed for the season. Kirsten is working on fundraising for the barn. The museum received \$300 in donations at the Festival of the Falling Leaves and \$600 for a Quilt fundraiser. She is also working on a grant. Kirsten has a slate of library and museum activities in the planning phases and is hoping to offer at least one a month. The annual meeting is Thursday October 17th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

There were 0 PLAC cards sold.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Barney moved to approve the proposed 2025 budget. Judy seconded. Vote 5-0

Director Christine listed the 2025 Holidays and closings.

- January 1 (NYD)
- May 26 (Memorial Day)
- July 4 (Independence Day)
- September 1 (Labor Day)
- September 27 (Festival of the Turning Leaves)

- November 26 - close at 2 pm
- November 27 (Thanksgiving)
- December 24-25 (Christmas)
- December 31 (NYE)

Amber moved to approve the list of Holiday closings with a second by Linda. Vote 5-0

Computer Purchase - The museum's computer is in need of replacement. The quote for a laptop Dell Latitude 3550 is \$1,119.42 plus \$300 setup fee for a total of \$1,419.42.

Amber moved to approve the purchase of the Dell Latitude 3550 laptop computer. Barney seconded. Vote 5-0

Meeting Room Use Request - Jo Scott has inquired about using the library meeting rooms for Therapy Dog Training. After discussion it was decided we would allow her to use the rooms (but not make a blanket change to the policy).

Directors Report:

The Strategic Plan has a new consultant - Jenny. The retreat will be October 28, 2024 from 10 am- 3pm. Amber, Barney and Judy will attend.

The Teddy Bear Concert was great, with an attendance around 50. Many families came from Frankfort and Carmel.

The Genealogy 101 program at TPL is Friday October 28, 2024 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Christine gave a report on presenter Amber Oldenburg, genealogist and her credentials.

November 7, 2024 is Teen GITD (Glow in the Dark) Program. The library will be closing at 6 pm for the program. It was a big hit last year.

TPL is a vote center. Early voting is
 10/30 - 11/1 2024, 1-8pm
 11/2/24 - 8am-3 pm,
 11/4/24 - 6 am - 6 pm

Lebanon Public Library is closing 11/28 - 11/18/24 for remodeling.

The parking lot repair is scheduled for November 18-19, 2024.

Snow removal -Derek Babcock will plow, but need someone to shovel sidewalks and steps before the library opens. Christine asked for recommendations. She hopes to have that settled in the next few weeks.

Staffing -Christine shared some potential staffing changes that may occur in the new year.

Next Board meeting is November 11, 2024 at 6 pm, regular session.

Amber moved to adjourn. Linda seconded. Vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm