

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
July 14, 2025
Minutes

Vice-President Barb Hillger called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, Jennifer Bopp, Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Judy Johnson, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

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

Judy moved to approve the June Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Jennifer seconded. Vote 6-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for June, 2025 were \$285,108.95. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$72,367.24. June's ending cash balance was \$1,295,446.18 with investments of \$277,962.50. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,573,458.68.

Barbara Darnell presented the Quarterly Appropriation Report ending June 30, 2025.

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

PLAC – Two PLAC cards were sold second quarter 2025.

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – Family Day was held on Saturday. The Ice Cream Social will be held August 2, 2025. The Historical Society voted to move forward with the Crossroads estimate for the barn and will be working on fundraising.

Unfinished Business:

Salary Schedule – A draft was presented and after discussion was tabled to the August meeting.

New Business:

E-Rate – It is time for our Commitment to Join ISL Consortium for Public Library Internet Access for Funding Year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Amber moved to approve the Commitment with a second by Chuck. Vote 6-0

2026 Budgets – Christine shared some preliminary numbers and more information will be shared at the August meeting.

AVC-Staff Computers – The AVC proposal was shared and includes 6 Dell Pro All-in-One 24 Desktop computers, all moving to Windows 11 Pro + Microsoft 365 licenses, for a total of \$11,104.38. Chuck moved to approve the purchase with a second by Jennifer. Vote 6-0

AVC-Website Maintenance – The cost to move our existing site is \$600 with a fee of \$59 per month thereafter. Library staff will manage most of it but big changes can be sent to AVC support. For reference, a new build is \$2,800. Linda moved to approve the expense with a second from Judy. Vote 6-0

E. Added item- Early closing request – Christine requested to close early on Friday, December 12 for the staff Christmas party. Linda moved to approve the early closing with a second by Judy. Vote 6-0

Director's Report

We are applying for a grant through OneAmerica to fund Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and expand through Boone County. Katie Mullins from DPIL has arranged a meeting in August for Indiana State Library, Lebanon Public Library and TPL to seek a countywide implementation.

Serve Back-to-School Bash is Saturday from 10:00-1:00 at the park. Barb and Lillian will be participating by handing out youth books, bookmarks, etc.

There will be some staffing changes in August. We will likely drop back to 2 part time pages (had 3 over the summer) and one full time employee will be dropping to 16 hours per week to pursue another opportunity.

Our Euchre group played to support House of Grace in June and brought in \$407. The total raised for various charities/needs since beginning in March 2022 is \$10,294.

We will have a strategic plan team meeting next week to get back on track with 2025-2029 goals.

We solicited feedback from the Arts programming attendees which was mostly positive. We are considering future program opportunities with SCAC but may try some programming in house.

Christine attended the June Boone County Council meeting; she reported new information about upcoming changes to LIT that will go into effect January 1, 2028.

Summer Reading update: there are 88 adults participating with 3 weeks left! Youth numbers are 308 kids and 84 teens.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the July board meeting with a second by Chuck at 7:25 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Linda Fahrenbach
Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary