

**Tippecanoe County Historical Association
Board of Governors Meeting**

Mission: To Enrich the Lives of Tippecanoe County Residents and Visitors by collecting, preserving, researching, and sharing our unique and diverse history.

**AGENDA
5:15 PM, November 18, 2025
HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM**

Members of the Board (total: 21 – quorum: 11)

Jeff Schwab – President	Del Bartlett	Tara Raber
Jeremy Spann – Vice President	Pete Bill	Dave Sattler
Nick Schenkel - Secretary	Jeff Burnworth	Bridget Slack
Lorita Bill – Treasurer	H. Kory Cooper	John F. Thieme
Rosanne Altstatt	Walt Griffin	Whitney Walton
Cassandra Apuzzo	David Hovde	Jillian White
Colby Bartlett	Ashima Krishna	Todd White

Meetings are Hybrid unless otherwise noted. In person at the History Center and available on ZOOM.

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FUTURE DATES FOR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Executive Committee (agenda setting) – 3:30 P.M. the Thursday before a Board meeting

Board of Governors – Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 5:15 P.M.

- December 16, 2025

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Minutes from October 28, 2025 Board meeting – *Pages 4-7*
- Officers' Reports and business
 - President
 - Ball Sholty nominations
 - Annual meeting to be held February 7 at 2pm at History Center
 - Vice President
 - Board recruitment and nominations
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer – *Pages 8-9*
- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle – *Page 10*
 - TCHA sites will be closed November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday
 - Staff performance reviews are underway
 - TCHA will host a member welcome and warmup before the Christmas parade Dec. 6th
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 11*
 - Articles for the next newsletter are due December 5th
 - Study of membership information attached to agenda email
 - Membership only sale December 4-7
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie – *Pages 12-14*
 - VOTE NEEDED ON DEACCESSIONS
 - Table at Lafayette Symphony bicentennial concert
 - New exhibits for History Center and Battlefield cases to be developed
- Research Library Report – Lucy Lugo – *Page 15*
 - Nineteen researchers assisted
 - Library volunteers continue to work on various projects
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report – Brooke Sauter – *Page 16*
 - Feast wrap-up meeting was held November 12th
 - Feast volunteer appreciation dinner will be December 4th at the History Center
 - Feast leftover Soda, sausage, ham, and Feast water is still available for purchase
- Notes from Committees – *Pages 17-19*
- Strategic Plan Groups Status – *Page 20*
- Any Other Business
- *END AGENDA*

Minutes for October 28, 2025
TCHA Board of Governors Meeting
In Person at the History Center and Online via Zoom

Board President Jeff Schwab called the August 26, 2025, meeting of the TCHA Board of Governors to order at 5:17 pm at The History Center, Lafayette.

Governors attending in-person were Jeff Schwab, Jeremy Spann, Lorita Bill, Nick Schenkel, Rosanne Altstatt, Pete Bill, Jeff Burnworth, H. Kory Cooper, David Hovde, Bridget Slack, John Thieme, Whitney Walton and Todd White.

Governor Jillian White attended online to establish a quorum for business.

Governors who were not present in person or online were , Cassandra Apuzzo, Colby Bartlet, Del Bartlett, Walt Griffin, Ashima Krishna, Quentin Robinson, Dave Sattler, and Tara Raber.

Executive Director Claire Eagle, Kelly Lippie, Brooke Sauter and Lucy Lugo were present in person; Trey Gorden attended online.

The Minutes of August 26, Board Meeting were presented. They were corrected to note that Bridget Slack was in attendance and approved with a motion and a second from Pete Bill and Todd White.

President Schwab announced the board will accept nominations for the Ball Sholty Award in November; the award will be awarded at the 2026 annual meeting.

He reminded us TCHA will offer (its first) Winter Warmer for members on the afternoon of the Christmas Parade; the History Center will welcome members from 4 to 6 pm. Board members were encouraged to volunteer to help with the program.

He announced as well that the 2026 TCHA Annual Meeting will be held at 2 pm on February 7 at the History Center.

The Vice President reported he has begun the board member recruitment process, seeking a diverse, skilled and engaged board to propose to the membership at the Annual Meeting. He encouraged us to nominate possible board members over the next few weeks for consideration by the nominating committee.

The Secretary had nothing additional to report.

The Treasurer presented her Report (see attached), noting that TCHA has \$158,730 more in Cash balances less current obligations than it did on September 30 of 2024. TCHA's net Operating Income for the nine months ending September 30 was \$104,951 ahead of budget. Indeed, at one point soon after the Feast concluded TCHA had over \$1.2 million in cash on hand. This was before expenses were paid.

She credited more sponsorship, and an additional Taste of the Past dinner as reasons for the more successful financial situation as of September 30.

Claire Eagle presented the **Executive Director's Report** (see attached). She reported she has awarded Kelly, Trey and herself three (3) comp days for the extra time worked during leading up to the Feast this year.

She has begun the annual staff evaluation process and noted TCHA sites and offices will be closed November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.

She reported on TCHA programs, facilities grants and donations and upcoming events at which she will be representing TCHA.

She concluded her report by noting she had a somewhat contentious phone call with Mike Gibson, owner of Mulhaupts who expressed his displeasure that Mulhaupts was not included in the new book "200 years of Tippecanoe County – A Community Tells Its Stories". After discussion the board agreed no follow up from the EC was needed. As a letter was sent to each TCHA board member from Mr. Gibson it was agreed that the board president will follow up with an appropriate letter on behalf of the TCHA board.

Trey Gorden reviewed his written report for the **Battlefield Museum** (see attached), noting visitors have decreased a bit since last month, A new volunteer, Susan Bryant will work occasional weekends at the Museum.

The annual Commemoration of the Battle of Tippecanoe is scheduled for November 1; Dr. Gorden as well as others will speak to those who attend the day-long event.

Kelly Lippie reported for the **Membership Committee** (see attached). She noted the mailing of the 3rd Newsletter for the year and that several new memberships were received at the Feast. She attended Latino Fest and Holy Trinity Lutheran Community Day to promote TCHA and membership.

Kelly Lippie reported for the **Collections Department** (see attached), noting that several TCHA materials including the Bicentennial banners are/will be on display at locations in the community.

Nine items were recommended for removal from TCHA's Collections by the Collections committee (they were on display for the board members to review). Upon a motion by Pete Bill and seconded by Kory Cooper the board voted to de-accession the items.

Lucy Lugo, TCHA's new librarian, reported for the **TCHA Library** (see attached). The TCHA sponsored tour of Spring Vale Cemetery on October 26 was well attended with over fifty cars counted.

Research work for and with TCHA members and others kept her and volunteers busy the past month.

Ms. Lugo thanked her predecessor (and now volunteer) Amy Harbor for her mentorship; Amy sent a message to the Board that read “Thank you to the Board for the opportunity to serve as Library Coordinator for the last several years. I look forward to helping Lucy however I can as I remain a volunteer in the library.”

Brooke Sauter announced an OUTSTANDING FEAST! as she reviewed the **Feast of the Hunters’ Moon Committee** report (see attached). An in-depth report was provided, from successes with ticket sales (both online and in person), food management, school days, and local news coverage from Based in Lafayette (Dave Bangert) and the Purdue Exponent called out.

Highlights from this year’s Feast included hosting an unofficial visit from Charlotte Montel, the new French Consul General to the Midwest. Too, the Middlesex County Volunteer Fife and Drum Corp from Massachusetts joined the Feast at their request.

Board members suggested that TCHA share the known and estimated economic impact on the local community from the Feast with local government and economic agencies

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS were reviewed (see attached).

Claire Eagle reported for the **Development and Membership Committee**. The committee is planning the membership event to be offered at the History Center during the annual Greater Lafayette Christmas Parade.

The Annual Appeal has been mailed; the Development Plan is on track.

Jeff Burnworth reported for the **Facilities Committee**, reporting upon a number of topics including budget savings, grant income, repairs and upgrades at Arganbright, the Battlefield, the Fort, and the History Center.

Problems or challenges with the TCHA web server, the Church group meeting at the History Center and a floor drain at the History Center were noted and there are plans being implemented to respond to all of these concerns.

Jeff Schwab reported for the **Historic Markers Committee**. The new William Digby Historical marker for Greenbush has arrived; the installation location is TBD.

Kory Cooper reported for the **Ouiatenon Preserve Committee**. The committee is asking the TCHA board for permission to use funds from the restricted OP account to hire Brooke Sauter to design interpretive signage for the OP. It was noted that creation and installation of the signs will be a separate project and cost. It is the goal of the committee to have the finished signs in place before the 2026 Feast of the Hunter’s Moon.

After discussion a motion to allow the expenditure not to exceed four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600) was proposed by Pete Bill and seconded by Jeremy Spann. The Board approved the motion by an oral vote; there was one “no” vote.

Executive Director Claire Eagle reported there are still food items for sale after the conclusion of the Feast. Please talk to Claire if you are interested in purchasing any of the food items.

President Schwab called the Board’s attention to the latest **Strategic Plan Group Reports** from August and September (please see the attached documents).

There being no further business, Board member Pete Bill moved adjournment. The Board adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Treasurer's Report
Lorita Bill
November, 2025

Tippecanoe County Historical Association						
Selected Accounts						
	This Year	This Year	Change from	Last Year	Change from	
	10/31/2025	9/30/2025	Last Month	10/31/2024	Last Year	
Operating Bank Accounts						
Petty Cash	568.48	568.48	-	572.17	(3.69)	
First Merchants Checking .01%	189,979.29	51,837.85	138,141.44	165,778.31	24,200.98	
First Merchants Operating MM 3%	579,084.21	242,913.03	336,171.18	572,405.66	6,678.55	
Plan	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00	
Undeposited Funds	603.85	750.92	(147.07)	(175.32)	779.17	
	795,235.83	321,070.28	474,165.55	738,580.82	56,655.01	
Current Obligations & Receivables						
Accounts Payable	(189,307.86)	(62,530.09)	(126,777.77)	(146,409.91)	(42,897.95)	
Credit Card	(14,380.64)	(7,993.34)	(6,387.30)	(13,778.88)	(601.76)	
Estimate for Food Booth Payout	(130,000.00)			(126,200.00)		
Grant Money Advanced	(3,842.21)	(4,725.18)	882.97	-	(3,842.21)	
Bicentennial Book Money	-	-	-	(12,500.00)	12,500.00	
	(337,530.71)	(75,248.61)	(132,282.10)	(298,888.79)	(34,841.92)	
Operating Cash Less Current Obligations	457,705.12	245,821.67	341,883.45	439,692.03	21,813.09	
Other Restricted and Designated Accounts						
Maintenance Reserve MM 3%	79,255.87	79,054.44	201.43	53,243.40	26,012.47	
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 3%	124,945.33	124,767.73	177.60	125,356.52	(411.19)	
Feast Rainy Day CD 3.99%	163,230.11	162,678.83	551.28	107,580.55	55,649.56	
Total Other Restricted and Designated Accounts	367,431.31	366,501.00	930.31	286,180.47	81,250.84	
Total Changes			342,813.76		103,063.93	
Investment Accounts	9/30/2025	12/31/2024	Change 2025	Distributions	Addition	Net Gain (Loss)
TCHA Trust	1,719,716.32	1,545,132.64	174,583.68	50,198.43	50,000.00	174,782.11
Wetherill Trust	410,192.08	384,211.77	25,980.31	13,914.33	-	39,894.64
Lafayette Community Foundation	36,391.70	33,950.09	2,441.61	1,438.00	-	3,879.61
Total Investments	2,166,300.10	1,963,294.50	203,005.60	65,550.76	50,000.00	218,556.36
*Investments are updated quarterly						

Tippecanoe County Historical Association				
Budget vs. Actuals: 2025				
	Preliminary			
	For the Ten Months Ended October 31, 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Income				
Grant Operating	-	-	-	
Contributions	92,188.30	82,334.00	9,854.30	
Museum Store Sales	82,101.34	66,000.00	16,101.34	Mostly Book sales
Library Revenue	2,286.70	2,160.00	126.70	
Membership Dues	23,500.00	25,790.00	(2,290.00)	
Programs & Education	81,185.02	85,550.00	(4,364.98)	
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	445,381.48	402,500.00	42,881.48	Preliminary
Total Income	726,642.84	664,334.00	62,308.84	
Cost of Goods Sold	40,408.94	29,750.00	10,658.94	Mostly Book sales
Gross Profit	686,233.90	634,584.00	51,649.90	
Expenses				
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	207,920.24	209,745.00	(1,824.76)	
Administrative Expenses	13,380.54	11,802.00	1,578.54	
Contract Services				
Administrative	19,006.77	26,000.00	(6,993.23)	No Review
Equipment & Supplies	1,852.74	3,832.00	(1,979.26)	
Collections, Exhibits & Library	5,379.37	6,039.00	(659.63)	
Museum Store Expenses	1,569.51	2,120.00	(550.49)	
Insurance and Taxes	17,012.87	17,500.00	(487.13)	
Repairs & Maintenance	21,749.29	31,191.00	(9,441.71)	
Contractual Services - Facilities	3,637.83	3,334.00	303.83	
Utilities	34,372.06	37,044.00	(2,671.94)	
Membership Expenses	975.99	2,275.00	(1,299.01)	
Fundraising Expense	1,071.00	1,500.00	(429.00)	
Feast Expenses	216,762.39	262,010.00	(45,247.61)	Preliminary
Expense	11,751.17	38,210.00	(26,458.83)	Bicentennial Related
Total Expenses	556,441.77	652,602.00	(96,160.23)	
Net Operating Income	129,792.13	(18,018.00)	147,810.13	
Other Income (Expense)				
Grants - Nonoperating	52,788.38	-	52,788.38	
Rents	8,280.00	6,000.00	2,280.00	
Other	150.00	-	150.00	
Interest	16,603.07	10,000.00	6,603.07	
Investment Income (distribution only)	65,550.97	66,375.00	(824.03)	
Depreciation	(60,200.00)	(60,200.00)	-	
Total Other Income (Expense)	83,172.42	22,175.00	60,997.42	
Net Income (Before Investment Gains (Losses))	212,964.55	4,157.00	208,807.55	

Executive Director Report
Claire Eagle
November, 2025

Administration

- TCHA sites and administrative offices will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.
- I will be out of the office Wednesday, November 19 and Wednesday-Friday, November 26-28.
- The annual review process has been completed.
- Staff Updates

Programs

- Q1 2026 program schedule is currently being planned. Please see the full committee meeting notes for additional information.
- We'll be hosting one last living history event for the year on Saturday, December 13 at Fort Ouiatenon Historic Park.

Facilities

- The boiler has now **actually** been turned on.

Grants and Donations

- We are now 76% to our annual campaign goal. I'd love for us to hit 100% by the end of the year. We have a letter going out to those that gave this year but have not yet given this year. Dave Sattler is writing it and I hope to get it out before Thanksgiving.

Upcoming

- I am presenting at The Linda Cohen Trailblazer Series lunch on December 9th about women who shaped our early community.
- We are hosting a member event at the History Center before the Christmas parade on December 6th. We'll have cookies and hot chocolate (and coffee) available for members as well as the bicentennial book and ornaments for sale. Members are invited to stop by to visit and warm up before the parade starts. We'd love to have all of you join us!
- TCHA will have a table at the Reindeer Rendezvous at Columbian Park Zoo (Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.) and the December McAllister Market (Saturday, December 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.). We need some additional help to man these tables! A sign-up sheet will go around. Please sign up if you are able. It will be very easy and instructions on how to use the iPad to sell the bicentennial ornaments and books will be given to you ahead of time.

Membership Report
Kelly Lippie
November, 2025

- Next Newsletter due Dec. 5.
- Membership study conducted. Basic level membership dues will go up \$5 in January. Prices have not been changed since before 2008.

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of Aug. 8	Total as of October 16	Total as of November 14
Individual (\$35)	Annual	57	57	54
Senior Individual (\$30)	Annual	88	91	93
Senior Couple (\$40)	Annual	120	127	130
Family (\$50)	Annual	70	68	68
Patron (\$100)	Annual	67	61	61
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	16	17	17
Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	5	6	5
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	4	4	4
Lifetime	Lifetime	27	27	27
Total Memberships		454	458	459

Upcoming

- TCHA Members Christmas Parade Warm up. History Center will be open for members before the Christmas parade on Dec. 6th with hot chocolate and bathrooms for member use. Sweet Revolution will supply cookies.
- Membership-only sale will be December 4-7 (4 & 5 at Arganbright, 6 at HC, 4-7 at Battlefield). Membership will get 15% off everything, Benefactor and Treasure Members will get 25% off.

TCHA Collection Department Report
Kelly Lippie
November, 2025

- Lafayette Symphony used some TCHA images in their bicentennial concert, and TCHA had a tabletop display at the concert.
- Bicentennial exhibit panels visited McCutcheon High School.
- Met with Paula Davis about black history preservation and potential gathering of oral history for Black Chamber of Commerce
- Presented program on Lafayette- Tippecanoe County Joint Centennial Celebration on November 11.
- Deaccessioned materials delivered to School House Auctions for online auction.

Upcoming

- Bicentennial exhibit panels will go to Centier Bank's new lobby, Glen Acres Elementary.
- New exhibits for the rotating display cases at the History Center and Battlefield to be developed.

BOARD ACTION NEEDED:

Recommended for Deaccession:

Accession #	Description	Source	Reason	Disposal Method
88.095	Stumpwork Embroidery of bird on velvet	TCHA purchase-\$55 Amy Harris Fund	Out of Scope	Sell
95.177	Book: "Lienen Die Geschichte seiner Hauser" by Wilhelm Wilkens (Lienen: The History of His Houses" in German Language)	Donald Ebbeler, 1995	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: German/ English Dictionary, ca. 1871	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Jeff High School 2003 Alumni Directory"	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Chaos" 1930 Rensselaer High School Year book	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Offer to Rensselaer

2004.009	Book: "Lafayette in America" First Bicentennial edition by Louis Gottschalk, signed by author	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Duplicate	Sell
2004.009	Book: Nouveau Petit Larousse Illustre: Illustrated French Encyclopedia, 1930	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book : "Lakota and Dakota Animal Wisdom Stories" by Mark W. McGinnis, 1994	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Angel Site..." by Genn A. Black, 1967	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Duplicate	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Deutsches Liederbuch fur Amerikanische Stedenten" German Songbook, 1909	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Booklet: "Membership Directory 1976" Illinois Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Fraternity at the University of Chicago.	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Hammond's Nature Atlas of America" by E. L. Jordan, 1952	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Purdue Alumni Directory" 2003	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Offer to Purdue or W.L. library, sell
2004.009	Book: "The Education of an Ad Man" autobiography by Jim Ellis	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Directory of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity" 1973	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "The Hereditary Register of the United States of America" 1973	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Duplicate	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Sketches of Lake Wawasee" by Scott Edgell	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Duplicate	Sell

2004.009	Book: "Rensselaer High School Alumni Directory" 1980	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Offer to Rensselaer
2004.009	Book: "Hitchcock's New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible..."	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Dr. Elias B. Glick: Centennial Mayor" by Barbara Merrick Hawkins, 1976	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Duplicate	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Vanished Arizona" by Martha Summerhayes, 1970	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Schliemann in Indianapolis" by Eli Lilly, 1961	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Duplicate	Sell
2004.009	Book: "Rise of the American Nation" 2nd edition, 1969	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Book: "One National: America Remembers September 11, 2001	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Out of Scope	Sell
2004.009	Booklet: "The House that Moses Fowler Built	Stephen E. Hopkins (estate of Ellis Hopkins)	Duplicate	Sell

Research Library Report
Lucy Lugo
November, 2025

Everything is going well. Library has been generally quiet, but remote requests continue to come in steadily.

Research Library Updates:

- 19 total researchers were assisted, 9 email/phone calls and 10 in-person visits
 - 3 out of the 9 in-person researchers were TCHA members
- Library volunteers continue to work on various projects, including indexing Tippecanoe Villa cards, Children's Home cards, marriage records, surname cards, and more.

Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report
Brooke Sauter
November, 2025

The Feast committee met on Wednesday, Nov 12 to have a Feast wrap-up meeting. At that time, leadership shared information relating to the 2025 Feast. After that, committee members each shared their views on the event, as well as a short laundry list of ideas for improvement for the following year.

Brooke, Claire and Kelly had to hand-count all of the admittance tickets as the volunteer who coordinates that never gave us her report. She is also in the process of transitioning into retirement from that role as ticket counter. We are excited to welcome Pam Barnard to the team to oversee that process.

Erin Hicks returned the bank boxes to the office, with her files relating to 2025 information.

The Feast is hosting a volunteer appreciation dinner the evening of December 4th at the History Center at 6 PM.

Soda, sausage, ham, and Feast water is still available for purchase if anyone is interested. A case of Coke or Diet Coke is \$15 for a 35/can flat. A case of Feast water is \$10 for 12 cans/box.

Other Committee Reports

November, 2025

Development & Membership Committee

Last meeting held on November 10, 2025

Grants and Sponsorships:

- 2025 NCHS grant received for History Center railing. Installation pending.
- Feast Emergency Siren System still has some final things to test (2024s NCHS grant). Is mostly done, extension applied for on grant report.
- Report submitted for Indiana Humanities grant received for the Miami at the Feast.

Annual Appeal

- Has been mailed out, Social Media campaign ongoing. There is an online link.
- Follow-up letter to those who donated last year, but have not yet given this year will be mailed soon.

Development Plan Progress

- Is on track, met goals for 2025.

Membership

- Christmas Parade/ Hot Chocolate at the History Center Sat. Dec. 6, 4-6 pm
 - o Hot chocolate, ornaments and books for sale, members only + guest
 - o Sweet Revolution will supply cookies
 - o Ornaments & books will be for sale.
 - o Voyageur Fife & Drum Corps. will perform
- Membership Newsletter issue 4 due Friday Dec. 5.

Annual Meeting will be Saturday Feb. 7 at 2pm at the History Center.

Membership study conducted. See supplemental report for details.

Membership prices will go up in January. Only basic- level membership will be increased by \$5 each, Premier will stay the same for now. Prices have not been increased since 2008.

Also under discussion is changes to member perks.

Letter will be sent out before the end of the year to members who didn't renew this year to invite them back.

Facilities Committee

Historic Markers Committee

Ouatenon Preserve Committee

OP Committee met Thursday October 30th 7-8 pm. Cooper, Dotson, and Del Bartlett in attendance. November meeting is next week on the 20th.

1. Del has estimate for cost of materials for previously mentioned change to Handicap accessible parking signage.
2. Phyllis has contacted SHI visual solutions regarding interpretive sign work but has not heard back. We do not have an estimate from Pyramid.
3. Similar to previous meeting there was some discussion regarding how we would, as a committee, interact with Brooke on sign design. Main point being to generally avoid each of us individually contacting her and instead work with her as a group and, or, also funneling input through committee chair (me).

Also, Cooper met with Brooke Sauter Thursday November 6th to discuss item #3 above. We agreed to set up a two-hour meeting with Brooke and the entire OP committee at the HC either of an evening, or Saturday, in January. Currently in the process of getting this scheduled.

Program Committee

Members present: Cassie Apuzzo, Claire Eagle, Walt Griffin, David Hovde, Amy Harbor, Lucy Lugo, Brooke Sauter and Bridget Slack

Other members: Quentin Robinson and Whitney Walton

1. Committee Task List Review

- ✓ Amy will begin to put a calendar together of all the community events that we could bring the History on Tour Trailer to in 2026 (see list of events here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b4RF-KzVEkowBE3TjJzJO6Kc-w20f-p6JlxvaQOoVnc/edit?usp=sharing>). Please make additions if you know of other events.
- All committee members will continue to think about how to structure the possible passport program.
- ✓ Claire and Brooke will work on getting the Q4 program brochure completed.

2. Previous Program Review

- a. Tuesday, August 12 at 6 p.m. – Show and Tell Speed Rounds: Bicentennial Book Authors: 31
- b. Friday, August 15 at 6 p.m. – Taste of the Past: Bicentennial: 43 (sold out plus 1)
- c. Saturday, September 6 at 11 a.m. – Bicentennial Walking Tour: Historic South Street: 20
- d. Sunday, September 7 from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. – Bicentennial Book Launch: 140
- e. Tuesday, September 16 at 11:30 a.m. – Show and Tell: Quackery and Doctoring in Tippecanoe County's First 100 Years: 32
- f. Saturday, September 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Archaeology Month Celebration @ Tippecanoe Battlefield: 102
- g. Sunday, October 25 from 2-4 p.m. – Bicentennial Walking Tour: Spring Vale Cemetery: 125
- h. Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Battle of Tippecanoe Commemoration: 137

3. Plan for Upcoming Programs

- a. Tuesday, November 11 at 6 p.m. – Joint Lafayette/Tippecanoe County Centennial Celebration program
 - i. Claire will handle tech. Kelly is ready to go and social media posts and email reminders have gone out.
- b. Saturday, December 6 from 4-6 p.m. – Members Christmas Parade Warm-Up
 - i. We are still looking for volunteers. The Voyager Ancient Fife and Drum Corp will be performing in the 6th street lobby from 4-5 p.m., Kelly is working on getting donated cookies.
- c. Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Joyeux Noel a Post du Ouitatenon
 - i. Brooke will be point person for TCHA. Tom W. will not be there so we are working on a primary contact for the group.

4. January-March Programs

- a. Confirmed:
 - i. Saturday, February 7 from 2-4 p.m. – TCHA's Annual Meeting

- ii. Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Maple Sugaring at the Fort
 - b. In Process:
 - i. Trey is looking into hosting either a flint knapping or map making workshop at the Battlefield on a Saturday in March.
 - ii. Claire will reach out to Tom Speaker to see if he is interested in doing an author talk about his book *They Answered the Call*.
 - iii. Brooke is looking into Sewing Circle Dates
- 5. Tippecanoe County Bicentennial
 - a. Conversations continue on the History on Tour trailer as our signature program for the county's bicentennial in 2026. We plan to bring the trailer with a new exhibition around the county throughout the year making stops at schools, libraries and important community events. The program committee is tasked with coming up with an accompanying program. The tentative plan is some kind of passport program. The committee will continue to brainstorm and pick back up on the conversation at the next meeting.

Committee Task List

- Claire will reach out to Tom Speaker regarding presenting a program in Q1
- All committee members will continue to think about how to structure the possible passport program.
- All committee members will continue to think about Q1 programs. Deadline to complete schedule is December 15.

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee met to discuss progress on the reprint of the Battlefield booklet. Formatting issues are mostly taken care of. The committee now wants to look at any updates that the book needs to reflect updated scholarship and language changes that may need to change from the current edition. We also need to check to see if we have reprint permission for the photographs used in the booklet and possibly find some updates for included photographs that need better source material.

**Strategic Plan Group Reports
November, 2025**

Strategic Plan Goal 1: TCHA will actively work to improve the stewardship and use of its structures and sites.

Strategic Plan Goal 2: TCHA will increase organizational sustainability by ensuring financial stability and continued financial growth.

Strategic Plan Goal 3: TCHA will continue to be good stewards of Tippecanoe County history by using accepted best practices and standards to care for collections.

Committee last met November 3rd, at Arganbright. Cooper, Lippie, Altstatt, Schenkel in attendance. Next and final meeting for the year is set for December 4th, 7:00 pm. The accompanying document in table form shows where we are in developing Strategies and Action Steps related to TCHA Strategic Planning Goal 3, which is “ TCHA will continue to be good stewards of Tippecanoe County history by using accepted best practices and standards to care for collections in ways that fulfil the TCHA mission.” We will review and finalize this document at next meeting.

Strategic Plan Goal 4: Staff and Volunteer Capacity

Strategic Plan Goal 5: Board Involvement and Talent

2025 BOARD OF GOVERNORS TERMS (3 Year Terms)

Name	Term Ends (Annual Mtg. Jan/Feb)
Rosanne Alstsatt	December 2026 (January 2027)
Cassandra Apuzzo	December 2026 (January 2027)
Colby Bartlett	December 2026 (January 2027)
Del Bartlett	December 2027 (January 2028)
Lorita Bill	December 2026 (January 2027)
Pete Bill	December 2025 (January 2026)
Jeff Burnworth	December 2026 (January 2027)
H. Kory Cooper	December 2027 (January 2028)
Walt Griffin	December 2025 (January 2026)
David Hovde	December 2025 (January 2026)
Ashima Krishna	December 2027 (January 2028)
Tara Raber	December 2026 (January 2027)
Dave Sattler	December 2026 (January 2027)
Nick Schenkel	December 2027 (January 2028)
Jeff Schwab	December 2027 (January 2028)
Bridget Slack	December 2026 (January 2027)
Jeremy Spann	December 2026 (January 2027)
John Thieme	December 2025 (January 2026)
Whitney Walton	December 2026 (January 2027)
Jillian White	December 2027 (January 2028)
Todd White	December 2027 (January 2028)

2025 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (1 Year Term, not more than 5 consecutive terms)

Position	Name	First Term Began	Term Number in 2025	Re-election eligibility ends
President	Jeff Schwab	February 2021	5	January 2026
Vice President	Jeremy Spann	February 2025	1	January 2030
Secretary	Nick Schenkel	February 2023	3	January 2028
Treasurer	Lorita Bill	February 2021	5	January 2026

TCHA COMMITTEES – 2025

* indicates Chair or Co-Chair

Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Board President *
Board Vice President

Board Secretary
Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Risk Management
Committee

Board Treasurer

Collections Committee

Kelly Lippie *
Cassie Apuzzo
Del Bartlett
Kory Cooper
Trey Gorden

Amy Harbor
Nick Schenkel
Other Members:
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Rick Conwell
Kevin Cullen
Carolyn O'Connell
Mary Springer

Facilities Committee (formerly the Buildings & Grounds Committee)

Jeff Burnworth *
Walt Griffin *
Colby Bartlett
Lorita Bill

Pete Bill
Ashima Krishna
Kelly Lippie
Jeremy Spann

Other Members:
Kevin Cullen
Bill Young

Finance, Budget, and Risk Management Committee

Lorita Bill*
Claire Eagle
Walt Griffin

Tara Raber
John Thieme
Nick Schenkel

Jeff Schwab
Todd White

Nominating Committee

Jeremy Spann -*
Colby Bartlett

Claire Eagle
Dave Sattler

Jeff Schwab

Other Committees

Development & Membership Committee

Kelly Lippie *
Jeff Burnworth
Tara Raber
Dave Sattler

Jeremy Spann
Jillian White
Todd White

Other Members:
Brooke Sauter
Ronda Walsh Schwab

Feast Committee

Brooke Sauter *
Jeff Schwab *
Aerica Beaver

Mary Fisher
Sam Haughey
Brian Hawn

Lauren Reed
Matt Riebsomer
Jackie Schmidt

Pete Bill
Jeff Burnworth
Kelly Lippie
Jeremy Spann
Other Members:
Mac Bellner
Molly Bellner
Mike Elliott

Erin Hicks
Jeff Hockstra
Mackenzie Kassner
Erika Kvam
Robert Leavitt
Randy Lower
Janine Lowery
Melissa O'Farrell

Sheri Sondgerath
Scott Stembaugh
Andy Wall
Joyce Wiegand
Logan York
Bill Young
Jan Young

Historic Markers Committee

Trey Gorden *
Rosanne Altstatt
Del Bartlett
Bridget Slack

Other Members:
Pam Barnard
Sally Carter
Phyllis Dotson

Jonathan Lipps
Duane Mantick
Linda Swihart

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

Kory Cooper *
Del Bartlett
David Hovde

Ashima Krishna
Other Members:
Leslie Martin Conwell

Phyllis Dotson
Colby Bartlett (non-voting)

Program Advisory Committee

Claire Eagle *
Cassie Apuzzo
Walt Griffin
Amy Harbor

David Hovde
Bridget Slack
Whitney Walton

Other Members:
Leslie Martin Conwell
Jan Young

Publications Committee

David Hovde *
Jeff Schwab *

Cassie Apuzzo
Rosanne Altstatt

Pete Bill
Trey Gorden

* - The Board President is an ex-officio member of all committees