

**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, February 27, 2024

HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM

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

Jeff Schwab – President	Del Bartlett	Quentin Robinson
Dave Sattler – Vice President	Pete Bill	Marsha Selmer
Nick Schenkel - Secretary	Jeff Burnworth	Bridget Slack
Lorita Bill – Treasurer	H. Kory Cooper	Jeremy Spann
Rosanne Altstatt	Walt Griffin	John F. Thieme
Cassandra Appuzzo	David Hovde	Whitney Walton
Colby Bartlett	Tara Raber	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) – 5:15 the Thursday before a Board meeting
(currently Zoom meetings)

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

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- February 27, 2024
- March 26, 2024
- April 23, 2024
- May 21, 2024 (Moved due to Memorial Day Holiday)
- June 25, 2024
- July 23, 2024
- August 27, 2024
- No September Meeting due to Feast setup
- October 22, 2024
- November 19, 2024 (Moved due to Thanksgiving Holiday)
- December 17, 2024- Budget Meeting (Moved due to Christmas Holiday)

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Minutes from December 19, 2023 Board meeting – *Pages 4-5*
- Officers' reports and business
 - President
 - Introduction of new board members
 - Report on Annual Meeting –February 3, 2024 2:00 PM
 - Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower forms
 - Committee Assignments
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer – *Pages 6-8*
- Election of Officers - Nominating Committee
- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle – *Page 9*
 - Need to vote on employee handbook approval
 - Staff health insurance renewal for 2024
 - New staff logo wear – also available to board members to purchase
 - Roof leak in History Center lobby
 - Rocking chair repair fundraiser a success
- Battlefield Museum Report – Trey Gorden – *Page 10*
 - Visitor numbers comparable to last year
 - Battlefield commemoration planning underway
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 11*
 - Newsletter deadline is Friday March 1st
 - Membership numbers continue to run significantly ahead of last year
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie – *Pages 12-14*
 - Need to vote to approve deaccession recommendations
 - Ongoing volunteer projects in collections includes: cataloging and scanning photographs, cataloging clothing and artifacts.
- Library Report – Amy Harbor – *Page 15*
 - Starting work on May cemetery tour at Spring Vale – we can always use more help
 - Worked with Kelly to reorganize and downsize the TIPCOA poor relief project
 - We've nearly finished scanning the Greenbush Cemetery records which we recently accessioned
- Feast Report – Brooke Sauter – *Pages 16-17*
 - 2024 meeting dates set
 - Switching digital ticketing vendors
 - Food booth recruitment
 - Looking for additional sponsors
- Notes from Committees – *Pages 18-21*
- Any Other Business
- *END AGENDA*

Minutes for December 19, 2023
TCHA Board of Governors Meeting
In Person at the History Center and Zoom Meeting

Board President Jeffrey Schwab called the TCHA Board of Governors to order at 5:17 pm at The History Center.

Governors attending in-person were Jeff Schwab, Nick Schenkel, Lorita Bill, Del Bartlett, Pete Bill, Jeff Burnworth, Julie Byers, H. Cory Cooper, Kevin Cullen, Walt Griffin, Quentin Robinson, Marsha Selmer, and John Thieme.

Governors David Hovde and Brooke Sauter attended online.

Governors Dave Sattler, Colby Bartlett and Todd White were not present in person or online.

Executive Director Claire Eagle and Curator Kelly Lippe were present in person.

No TCHA staff attended online.

The Minutes of the November 28, 2023, Board Meeting were presented and approved, with corrections, by voice vote after a motion and second from Quentin Robinson and John Thieme.

President Jeff Schwab announced that the Staff and Committee Reports are to be considered as part of a Consent Agenda for this month so that the Board could concentrate its attention on the Ball Sholty Awards and the 2024 TCHA Budget proposal.

Before discussing the 2024 budget proposal President Schwab presented several other items for Board review.

He announced that TCHA's Annual Appeal has exceeded this year's goal of \$5,000.

President Schwab presented the Board Meeting schedule for 2024 (attached). The schedule was approved by a voice vote after Walt Griffin and Cory Cooper moved approval.

The Staff Holiday Schedule for 2024 (attached) was taken up next. It was noted the TCHA Bylaws allow for nine staff holidays each year, therefore the number of holidays available for 2024 will not be changed from 2023. The schedule was approved by a voice vote after John Thiem and Quetin Robinson moved approval.

President Schwab reminded us that the Tippecanoe County Historical Association's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 3 at 2 pm. The program will feature a History of Wolf Park, presented by Patrica Goodman.

Taking up a key part of the December board meeting, President Schwab led a discussion of candidates for the Ball Sholty Award, to be announced at the February 3 Annual Meeting.

He called upon the nominators to present their case for those nominated: Jeff Schwab spoke to the nomination of Lee Brand. Nick Schenkel spoke to the nomination of Linda Eales. Lorita Bill spoke to the nomination of Leslie Martin Conwell.

After discussion, a secret ballot was held, and the Board members voted to award the 2024 Ball Sholty Award to Leslie Martin Conwell for her lifetime involvement with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association.

President Schwab and Executive Director Claire Eagle shared a request from the Tippecanoe County Board of Elections to use the History Center for the 2024 election cycle. The Board agreed that discussions can continue between Ms. Eagle, on behalf of TCHA, and the Election Board.

Changes to the TCHA personnel Manual were presented by Executive Director Claire Eagle. The changes will be scheduled for discussion and approval at the February 2024 Board Meeting.

Updates to the staff's PTO, Sick Leave and Flex Time policy were presented by Ms. Eagle (see attached) and, after discussion, approved after a motion to approve by Julie Byers and Quentin Robinson.

Dave Sattler, Vice President, was not in attendance and had no report.

Nick Schenkel Secretary had no report in addition to the Minutes presented earlier in the meeting.

Lorita Bill, Treasurer, presented the 2024 Budget (attached). Discussion was had by the board and upon a motion by Jeff Burnworth and Julie Byers the 2024 Budget was approved by the Board.

President Schwab announced that Governor Kevin Cullen has not asked to stand for re-election to the Board. His last day with the Board will be December 31, 2023.

The Board President and Board members thanked Governor Cullen for his service and dedicated work with the Board. Mr. Cullen will continue his work with the Collections Committee of the TCHA.

President Schwab announced that Governor Brooke Sauter is resigning from the Board of Governors to become the new TCHA Feast of the Hunter's Moon Manager. Governor Sauter's last day with the Board will be December 31, 2023. The President and Board members thanked Governor Sauter for her service and dedicated work with the Board.

There being no additional business, Kevin Cullen moved adjournment and the motion was approved by a voice vote at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nick Schenkel, TCHA Secretary

A reminder that the book [“The History and Archaeology of Fort Ouiatenon: 300 Years in the Making”](#) edited by Misty M. Jackson, H. Kory Cooper and David M. Hovde is scheduled for publication by Purdue Press in January 2024. The book can be preordered online.

**Treasurer's Report
Lorita Bill
February 2024**

Tippecanoe County Historical Association				
Selected Accounts				
January 2024				
			Change from	
	1/31/2024	12/31/2023	Last Month	
Bank Accounts				
Petty Cash	572.17	572.17	-	
First Merchants Checking 1%	35,089.54	61,766.66	(26,677.12)	
First Merchants Operating MM 4.75%	324,170.88	322,899.13	1,271.75	(25,405.37)
Em Maint & HC Restricted MM 4.75%	36,402.20	36,259.39	142.81	
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 4.75%	105,566.85	105,353.81	213.04	
Feast Rainy Day CD 5.25%	103,521.85	103,064.35	457.50	
Undeposited Funds	60.85	1,125.48	(1,064.63)	
Total Change in Cash	605,384.34	631,040.99	(25,656.65)	
			-	
Accounts Payable	(5,030.55)	(7,724.80)	2,694.25	
Credit Card	(1,632.87)	(2,554.43)	921.56	
Cash less current obligations	598,720.92	620,761.76	(22,040.84)	
			Change from	
	1/31/2024	1/31/2023	Last Year	
Bank Accounts				
Petty Cash	572.17	571.64	0.53	
First Merchants Checking 1%	35,089.54	282,126.53	(247,036.99)	
First Merchants Operating MM 4.75%	324,170.88	-	324,170.88	77,133.89
Em Maint & HC Restricted MM 4.75%	36,402.20	36,011.48		
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 4.75%	105,566.85	89,202.90	16,363.95	
Feast Rainy Day CD 5.25%	103,521.85	100,045.52	3,476.33	
Undeposited Funds	60.85	362.30	(301.45)	
Total Change in Cash	605,384.34	508,320.37	96,673.25	
Accounts Payable	(5,030.55)	(11,918.27)	6,887.72	
Credit Card	(1,632.87)	(2,249.90)	617.03	
Cash less current obligations	598,720.92	494,152.20	104,568.72	

Investment Accounts	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	Change 2023
TCHA Trust	1,380,418.37	1,209,447.14	170,971.23
Wetherill Trust	359,552.16	333,524.92	26,027.24
Lafayette Community Foundation (6/30)	32,981.29	30,412.64	2,568.65
Total Investments	1,772,951.82	1,573,384.70	199,567.12
*Investments are updated quarterly			
Interest Income Nov 2023 thru Jan 2024			
Interest Earned on Money Market Accounts	7,545		
2024 Distributions			
2024 Lafayette Comm Found Distributions	32,811		
2024 TCHA Trust Distributions	66,931		
2024 Wetherill Trust Distributions	18,552		
	<u>118,295</u>		
Total Budgeted Operating Expenses	663,300		
Total Budgeted Operating Expenses W/O Feast	415,900		
% of Operating Expenses covered by distributions	28.4%		

Tippecanoe County Historical Association Budget vs. Actuals: 2024

	January 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Grant Operating	-	-	-
Contributions	4,780.48	3,050.00	1,730.48
Museum Store Sales	55.35	500.00	(444.65)
Library Revenue	703.00	210.00	493.00
Membership Dues	660.00	1,540.00	(880.00)
Programs & Education	8.00	500.00	(492.00)
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	-	-	-
Total Income	6,206.83	5,800.00	406.83
Cost of Goods Sold	26.02	225.00	(198.98)
Gross Profit	6,180.81	5,575.00	605.81
Expenses			
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	20,416.49	20,713.67	(297.18)
Administrative Expenses	395.20	632.25	(237.05)
Contract Services Administrative	1,994.96	1,750.00	244.96
Equipment & Supplies	685.07	360.00	325.07
Collections, Exhibits & Library	423.00	580.00	(157.00)
Museum Store Expenses	-	175.00	(175.00)
Insurance and Taxes	1,834.33	1,750.00	84.33
Repairs & Maintenance	2,070.20	2,840.00	(769.80)
Contractual Services - Facilities	175.94	335.00	(159.06)
Utilities	3,708.74	5,500.00	(1,791.26)
Membership Expenses	25.00	100.00	(75.00)
Fundraising Expense	-	-	-
Feast Expenses	2,625.00	2,665.00	(40.00)
Programs & Education Expense	800.00	935.00	(135.00)
Total Expenses	35,153.93	38,335.92	(3,181.99)
Net Operating Income	(28,973.12)	(32,760.92)	3,787.80
Other Income (Expense)			
Grants - Nonoperating	-	-	-
Rents	1,300.00	600.00	700.00
Interest	2,356.45	1,400.00	956.45
Investment Income (distribution only)	-	-	-
Depreciation	(5,955.00)	(5,955.00)	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	(2,298.55)	(3,955.00)	1,656.45
Net Income (Before Depreciation)	(31,271.67)	(36,715.92)	5,444.25

Executive Director Report
Claire Eagle
February 2024

Administration

- Health insurance for 2024 has been renewed.
- I was accepted into the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette's Nonprofit Executive Coaching Program.
- The 2024 Eberle Series has begun. I will attend all sessions, but I really do encourage Board members to attend ones that might be of interest on their own. These are some of the best professional development programs I have been to.
- We are working on new logo wear for TCHA staff through United State of Indiana. We will also be making options available to Board members and will communicate further on those options later.

Programs

- The committee is finalizing the April-June schedule. The next quarterly program brochure will go out mid-March. Please see the committee notes for more information about upcoming programs.
- We do need volunteers for the new dinner series with Lauren Reed. Volunteers will be helping with set-up and serving. Brooke has set up a digital signup sheet and I'll send that out soon so you can sign up if you are available to help!

Facilities

- Early last month, Jeff B. and Jeff S. discovered a leak in the roof above the lobby area of the History Center. Unfortunately, the work completed on the entire roof a couple of years ago was not warrantied and after that entire experience we decided to reach out to Thayer's for a quote. Their quote was very reasonable, and they began work on Monday, February 26.

Grants and Donations

- After discovering that the Reifer's neon rocking chair had broken in early January, we started a quick campaign to raise the \$1000 repair cost that Huston Electric quoted us. Not only did we quickly hit that goal we exceeded it! Repair work has already begun.
- We received a \$500 grant from Community Foundation for our completion of the Needs Assessment Survey and participation in the Town Halls. Thank you to all staff/Board members who completed the survey!

Battlefield Museum Report
Trey Gorden
February 2024

- Visitor numbers steady from the same period last year.
- The Miami are joining us for Commemoration!

Low attendance is par for the course at this time of year, but from February 1, our first open day of 2024, until February 20, we had 208 visitors, which is three more souls than the same period last year.

I've decided to credit the three extra people to the fact that the road has been open lately (knock on wood!). I've left a message for Stu Klein, at the county, and am waiting to hear if the road is really open for good.

We're eagerly looking forward to this year's Commemoration. After speaking to Logan York, THPO for the Miami, I'm excited to announce that the Miami will be participating this year. They'll be putting together a table similar to the one they've done for the Feast the last two years. This is part of our effort to involve the tribes in the museum more generally. Thanks to Claire for all her help. Over the coming weeks I'll be reaching out to other tribal groups about joining us.

Membership Report
Kelly Lippie
February 2024

- 1st newsletter of 2024 is due Friday March 1st. Due dates for articles for all of 2024 are: March 1, June 7, September 6 and December 6.
- Folder packet created for members of the Development and Membership committee that includes membership brochure and other member/ development materials to hand out.
- Annual Membership meeting was held on February 3rd, 2024.

TCHA Membership numbers as of 2/23/2024

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of Nov. 21	Total as of Dec. 7	Total as of Feb. 23
Individual (\$35)	Annual	56	58	54
Senior Individual (\$30)	Annual	80	81	81
Senior Couple (\$40)	Annual	96	97	101
Family (\$50)	Annual	58	59	61
School/Club (\$100)	Annual	1	1	1
Patron (\$100)	Annual	69	68	69
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	17	17	18
Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	3	4	4
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	2	3	3
Lifetime	Lifetime	28	28	28
Total Memberships		410	416	420

Total members as of February 21, 2023 was 367.

TCHA Collection Department Report

Kelly Lippie

February 2024

- Ongoing volunteer projects in collections includes: cataloging and scanning photographs, cataloging clothing and artifacts.
- Toy exhibit at the West Lafayette library was removed on January 25th.
- Scheduling Bicentennial book researchers into look at archives and library materials for the book articles.
- Renewed Museum of the Soldier loan for another year (this is renewed annually as per the Collection's Policy).
- Attending monthly NAGPRA webinar put on by the National Park Service.
- Met with TIPCOA volunteers to review poor relief county records project that has been in the works for years. Revised plan to handle the processing of these records in progress.
- Retrieved Greenbush Cemetery books from Fairfield Township Trustee offices. New space cleared in Arganbright basement to house shelving for these and other county records.
- 2 interns from the Purdue Anthropology dept. will work this semester. One is continuing her research from fall semester on icon rings and Native interactions. New student will study baling seals.
- Annual cleaning of exhibit cases at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum done while museum closed on Jan. 29th.
- Met with Devon of West Lafayette Library to talk about artifact loans for the Grand View Cemetery caretaker's cottage.
- Gave collections tour to Wayne Hastings, a new archivist at the Purdue Archives.
- Met with city's bicentennial committee to review historic photographs for a video being produced.
- Purdue Honors class on music history visited Arganbright on Feb. 20 for orientation tour and look at some of the music resources at TCHA.
- Set up anthropology student posters and Ouitenon artifacts at the History Center for Appuzzo program and Ouitenon book release party.

February Collections Committee:

12 new accessions created.

Materials proposed for Deaccession from December committee meeting:

Accession #	Description	Reason	Source	Disposal Method	Committee Action
2358	"Deer Head, Northern - Pen [peninsula ?] Michigan. White tailed deer one of the few large species of Native deer."	Extremely poor condition: Has been stored in the Blockhouse for many years and was not able to be reached in storage closet until recently.	Clyde Richards, 1930	Disposal	Deaccession

2424	"Deer head - Left at Dr. Wetherill's office."	Extremely poor condition: Has been stored in the Blockhouse for many years and was not able to be reached in storage closet until recently.	Found in the Collection	Disposal	Deaccession
83.31.72	Book: "All the Presidents Men" by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, 1974.	Out of Scope	Mabel Baker, 1974	Sale	Deaccession
91.115.2	Book: "Today's Health Guide: A manual of health information & guidance for the American Family", published by the American Medical Association, 1965	Out of Scope	Paula Woods, 1991	Sale	Deaccession
5595	Book: "Weir Mitchell, His Life and Letters" by Anna Robeson Burr, 1929.	Out of Scope	Richard Wetherill, 1940	Sale	Deaccession
x.4000.51	Book: "Caesar" by Mirko Jelusich. Translated by Bernard Mail, 1930	Out of Scope	Richard Wetherill, 1940	Sale	Deaccession
85.219.3	Book: "The story of Cuba : her struggles for liberty ; the cause, crisis and destiny of the Pearl of the Antilles" by Halstead Murat, 1898.	Out of Scope	Marie Byers, 1985	Sale	Deaccession
5285	white and gold cup	condition	Richard Wetherill, 1940	Disposal	Deaccession
962.1	Plate from Canton China	condition	Henry Wallace, 1920s	Disposal	Deaccession
961.2	Plate from China, floral design	condition	Henry Wallace, 1920s	Disposal	Deaccession
960	American Pennsylvania Gaudy Dutch Plate	condition/ out of scope	Henry Wallace, 1920s	Sale	Deaccession

952	Blue Chinese soup plate with Chinese design	condition	Henry Wallace, 1920s	Disposal	Deaccession
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**Library Report
Amy Harbor
February 2024**

- Starting work on May cemetery tour at Spring Vale – we can always use more help
- Worked with Kelly to reorganize and downsize the TIPCOA poor relief project
- Several researchers each week are working on the 200 book
- We've nearly finished scanning the Greenbush Cemetery records which we recently accessioned

Feast Report
Brooke Sauter
February 2024

2024 is off to a great start! As I (Brooke) have settled into my new role, I am learning the ropes from Jeff Schwab (and Leslie when needed), as well as Jeff Burnworth, Claire, and our volunteers who so kindly help me navigate this new territory.

The 2024 Feast committee meeting dates have been set (listed at end of report), and we have begun the administrative work of setting up the Feast. We have decided to forgo the Theme for 2024 and years forward. We are using differing imagery each year, but am not selecting a “theme”. This year will feature the blockhouse, and the Feast logo will be a mustard color to compliment that.

Claire and I have been reviewing digital ticketing vendors, and have decided to move forward with TicketSpice, which will replace EventBrite and hopefully our existing Feast website. TicketSpice will create a more immersive, user-friendly experience for the public as well as those of us administering the site. There are plans to also include a digital application component in 2025, but more to come on that.

Discussions have also already been taking place with the Peoria and Miami tribes regarding their participation in the 2024 Feast. Both plan to attend and are looking forward to doing so. Food booth timeline is also starting to emerge, as we have set the Food Booth meeting date for April 24th at 6 PM at the Battlefield Gun Room. I have reached out to the chairman to begin planning. We have also already been approached by groups who would like to join in the fun on selling foods at this year’s event, as well as been approached by local Chef Lauren Reed, who should be able to assist with sourcing more challenging food items. TCHA is also partnering with her on programs revolving around her dinners, but more on that in the Programming Committee section.

Sponsorships are also something that we will be pushing hard in 2024. We have already made contact with SIA, Duke, and First Farmers regarding sponsorship opportunities, as they have been past supporters. A Sponsorship document has also been created and printed to take to perspective partners and a list of potential donors is beign assembled.

I am also working to procure bids from vendors, finalize the application to go to print, and am working on apparel (volunteer shirts and shirts to be sold) with United State of Indiana, a company out of Indy. An advertising brochure has already been created and printed, and have been sent to all TCHA sites, and given to Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette. We also have a new Feast of the Hunters’ Moon FB page.

Looking ahead, I will be attending the Kalamazoo Living History Show in March to promote the Feast, and continue to work on tasks in the timeline!

Committee Dates:

- March 20 - Back to third week
- April 24 - Food Booth Meeting @ the Gun Room at the Tippecanoe Battlefield, 6 PM
- May 15
- June 19
- July 17
- August 21
- September 11 - added for 2024
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon: October 5-6

- November 6 - First Wednesday - Wrap-up Meeting
- December 5 - First Thursday - Volunteer Thank-You

Other Committee Reports February 2024

Development & Membership Committee

Members Present: Brooke Sauter (Chair), Kelly Lippie (Membership Dir), Dave Sattler, Claire Eagle (Exec Director)

- **Membership Update**
 - Membership stats were delivered by Kelly.
 - New Membership stickers have been ordered from United State of Indiana, which have the TCHA logo and “Supporter” below the icon. These will be sent out to every member as they renew, or join the Association. We ordered 500 to start with and will reevaluate once we have worked through them.
 - Per Ronda’s suggestion, Kelly has assembled packets of Membership information for committee members to have on hand as they approach perspective members. These will be delivered to them at a future meeting.

- **Update on Document for recruiting Feast sponsors**
 - Document promoting sponsorships was created and printed in a quantity of 50. Sponsors are already being approached digitally, and Brooke has been working with the Feast committee to create a list of perspective sponsors to approach. To date, \$3,500 has been committed, with discussions equating to an additional \$16k being had.

- **Report on Development campaigns and Annual Appeal for rest of 2023**
 - Surpassed fundraising goal for the Annual Appeal (goal was \$5k, raised just over \$5,100)

- **Plans for 2024 Annual Appeal**
 - The committee discussed plans for the 2024 Annual Appeal, including moving up the send date from late fall to spring for 2024.

- **Reifers Rocking Chair fundraising**
 - Goal of \$1,000 was achieved, and Huston Electric has already been in to begin work on the neon. In addition to funds raised, this campaign also garnered much social media attention and shows faith in the organization from our community.

- **Upcoming available grants**
 - Looking at potential Community Foundation grants and others from Indiana Humanities and so on.

Facilities Committee

Facilities Committee met on Feb 8.

Roof was deemed to be leaking due to poorly done work from previous roof installer. Thayer’s estimate covered what was wrong and part of the committee went to inspect the roof after the meeting. It was decided to pay out of the emergency maintenance fund and restricted fund if a grant is not possible.

The chimney work is still in planning stage and contractor is waiting for the weather to change.

The basement blower is to be put on the back burner for the time being as it poses no risk to the collection.

Estimates are currently in progress for the lighting in the HC foyer.

We are looking to do the Spring grant for the Roof
The SIA grant for the Chimney

The Now Grant for the Lighting and the foyer.

The Reifers chair funding was raised with little or no help from the fac com. Great job Claire and staff.

We are also looking for bids to have the coffee maker installed and dishwasher repaired if it is reasonable.

It was suggested that the facilities committee meet at all of the properties TCHA runs for a hands on approach.

Historic Markers Committee

The Historical Markers Committee last met on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. We brainstormed ideas for funding our Historical Markers program, an activity that produced several good ideas, from grants to scavenger hunts, among others. We also discussed the practicality of ensuring our monuments program. Action items were distributed that involved mostly fact-finding with the Historical Markers Bureau and other agencies and individuals.

Lafayette Bicentennial Publications Committee

- We are over 1/3 of the way to our article goal!
- That being said, we are still looking for additional authors
- Editing of submitted articles is underway
- We have an extensive list of potential topics, but are going to identify ones we consider a priority

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

Program Committee

Members present: Claire Eagle, Brooke Sauter, Quentin Robinson, Amy Harbor and David Hovde
Other members: Walt Griffin and Leslie Martin Conwell

1. Plan for Upcoming Programs
 - . Tuesday, February 12 at 11:30 a.m. – Show and Tell: Fowlers
 - i. Jeff is out of town so Claire will handle the tech aspect
 - a. Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. – Inside the Blacksmith's Shop
 - i. One more email reminder and social media post will be made. Claire or Jeff will handle tech aspect.
 - b. Saturday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m. – Fort Ouiatenon Book Signing

- i. Kelly will have a few artifacts on display, Claire will grab a couple veggie/cookie tray beforehand. We'll just use leftover sodas/Leslie water for drinks. Books have already been delivered and are at the History Center iPad and cashbox will be taken over to sell books.
 - c. Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. – Maple Sugaring at the Fort
 - i. Claire will call the Sherrif's department the week before. David is getting supplies at the direction of Tom and will submit the amount spent for our records. Claire will confirm with Andy that there is plenty of firewood.
- 2. Historical Dinners with Lauren Reed
 - . Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. – Taste of the Feast
 - a. Friday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. – From the Archives
 - b. Saturday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. – Indiana Summer
 - c. Friday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. – Era's Dinner **tentative
 - d. Friday, December 13 – Christmas Buffet with Audrey Johnson's program

Things we need from this committee/others

- e. We are working on a signup sheet for help during each dinner. We need 4-5 volunteers for each one!
- f. We are still determining a mission component for the Indiana Summer one. The others already have an accompanying program/small exhibit.
- g. We are aiming for tickets to go on sale in March.
- h. Next meeting we will schedule some time to start going through the copious amounts of plates, bowls and serving ware we have to figure out what we are going to use.
- i. Decorations/vibes for each program... got some items at home you think would work for tablescapes or other decorations for one of the themes? Let Claire know!
- 3. Blacksmithing workshops at the Fort
 - . Mike sent along some potential dates. After checking with Parks, all of them were good to go. Just waiting for final confirmation from Mike.
- 4. Ben Ross
 - . Ben Ross reached out to Claire about the possibility of presenting another program for TCHA this fall. We are working to schedule a date, but he will present "Early Architects & Builders in the Wabash Valley, 1825-1860."
- 5. *Finding Our Perfect Moon*
 - . While the committee was in agreement that this book sounds like the perfect thing for TCHA to have a program on, we don't want to do one so close to the WLPL's program with the author. We have decided to revisit for next year.
- 6. Here is the current April-June schedule:
 - . April
 - i. Wednesdays (3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th) from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – Genealogy Class Series (\$50 for non-members and \$25 for members)
 - ii. Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. – Show and Tell: William Digby (Pete Bill)
 - iii. Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. – History of Tippecanoe County Libraries
 - iv. Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. – School of the Artifact: Ceramics
 - a. May
 - i. Wednesdays (1st and 8th) from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – Genealogy Class Series (\$50 for non-members and \$25 for members)
 - ii. Thursdays (2nd, 16th and 30th) from 5-7 p.m. – Feast Sewing Circle
 - Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. – School of the Artifact: Ceramics
 - iii. Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. – Historic Dinner with Lauren Reed: Taste of the Feast (\$60 per seat)
 - iv. Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. – Spring Vale Cemetery Tour Part II
 - v. TBD – Walking Tour of State Street in West Lafayette

- b. June
- i. Saturday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. – Walking tour of the Battlefield
 - ii. Thursdays (13th and 27th) from 5-7 p.m. – Feast Sewing Circle
 - iii. Friday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. – Historic Dinner with Lauren Reed: From the Archives (\$60 per seat)
 - iv. Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Fête de St Jean le Baptiste
 - v. TBD – History of Happy Hollow Park

Committee Member Task List

- Claire will work with Devon to get the WLPL/TCHA programs scheduled. Dates and times need to be confirmed for all programs ASAP.
- Those of you acting as contacts for presenters/presenting your own programs need to finalize program descriptions and send any images you would like used in the promotion.
- Claire will enter items in Square to sell the Genealogy Class and tickets to the dinners.

Publications Committee

2024 BOARD OF GOVERNORS TERMS (3 Year Terms)

Name	Term Ends (Annual Mtg. Jan/Feb)
Rosanne Alstsatt	December 2026 (January 2027)
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Colby Bartlett	December 2026 (January 2027)
Del Bartlett	December 2024 (January 2025)
Lorita Bill	December 2026 (January 2027)
Pete Bill	December 2025 (January 2026)
Jeff Burnworth	December 2026 (January 2027)
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Tara Raber	December 2026 (January 2027)
Quentin Robinson	December 2024 (January 2025)
Dave Sattler	December 2026 (January 2027)
Nick Schenkel	December 2024 (January 2025)
Jeff Schwab	December 2024 (January 2025)
Marsha Selmer	December 2024 (January 2025)
Bridget Slack	December 2026 (January 2027)
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Secretary	Nick Schenkel	February 2023	1	January 2028
Treasurer	Lorita Bill	February 2021	3	January 2026

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Other Members:
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Publications Committee

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Colby Bartlett

Trey Gorden

Dave Sattler

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