

**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, March 25, 2025
HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM**

Members of the Board (total: 23 – quorum: 12)

Jeff Schwab – President	Pete Bill	Quentin Robinson
Dave Sattler – Vice President	Jeff Burnworth	Bridget Slack
Nick Schenkel - Secretary	Mónica Casanova	Jeremy Spann
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
Del Bartlett	Tara Raber	

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.

- April 22, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- June 24, 2025
- July 22, 2025
- August 26, 2025
- October 21, 2025
- November 18, 2025
- December 16, 2025

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Minutes from February 25, 2025 Board meeting – *Pages 4-6*
- Officers' reports and business
 - President
 - Strategic Planning Timeline – *Page 7*
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer – *Pages 8-9*
 - *Form 990 – Separate File*

CONSENT AGENDA – Brief Review - please read and note items that need further explanation

- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle – *Page 10*
 - Program brochure for 2nd quarter going out
 - Taste of the past dinners scheduled
 - Bicentennial programming is filling up
- Battlefield Museum Report – Trey Gorden – *Page 11*
 - Visitor numbers are up
 - Furnace has been replaced by parks department
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 12*
 - 1825 campaign set with Keller Williams
 - Thrivent planned giving presentation for members
 - Membership up and new treasure member
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 13-14*
 - Bicentennial exhibits continue to circulate
 - Walla class with Amy coming up
 - VOTE NEEDED ON DEACCESSION ITEMS
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report – Brooke Sauter – *Page 15*
 - Feast applications going out – some fee increases
 - Food booth meeting in April – One page info sheet if you know of any interested groups
 - Sponsor solicitations ongoing
- Notes from Committees – *Pages 16-21*

END CONSENT AGENDA

- Any Other Business
- End of Regular Business
- 20-25 minute break so that board members can tour and learn about the History Center facility
- Reconvene for readout on impressions and feedback
- *END AGENDA*

Minutes for February 25, 2025
TCHA Board of Governors Meeting
In Person at the History Center and Online via Zoom

Board President Jeff Schwab called the first meeting of 2025 of the TCHA Board of Governors to order at 5:16 pm at The Arganbright Genealogy Center, Lafayette.

Governors attending in-person were Jeff Schwab, Dave Sattler, Lorita Bill, Nick Schenkel, Cassie Apuzzo, Pete Bill, Jeff Burnworth, H. Kory Cooper, David Hovde, Jeremy Spann, Whitney Walton and Todd White.

Rosanne Altstatt, Colby Bartlet, Ashima Krishna, Tara Raber, and Jilian White attended online.

Governors who were not present in-person or online were Monica Casanova (excused), Walt Griffin, Bridget Slack, and John F. Thieme.

Staff members present were Executive Director Claire Eagle, Kelly Lippe and Brooke Sauter in person; Amy Harbor and Trey Gordan attended online.

The Minutes of the December 17, 2024, Board Meeting were presented and approved by voice vote after a motion from Whitney Walton and David Hovde.

President Schwab presented the officer slate developed by the Nomination Committee: Jeff Schwab, President; Jeremy Spann, Vice President; Nick Schenkel, Secretary; Lorita Bill, Treasurer. The floor was then opened for other nominations. No additional nominations were offered. A motion by Pete Bill and David Hovde closed nominations and the nominees were approved by a voice vote of acclamation.

President Schwab asked board members to review and respond to the TCHA Committee Selections, available in paper form to each board member (an e-copy will be emailed to board members attending online. Committee selections are to be returned to President Schwab who will announce the selections soon.

President Schwab also asked all board members to review and sign the Conflict of Interest Statement and Whistleblower policy that was provided to each board member (e-copies will be emailed to board members attending online. These documents should also be returned to President Schwab.

President Schwab concluded his President's Report by noting that the March 25 board meeting will conclude our tours of TCHA facilities, focusing on the History Center during that meeting.

The Vice President had no report.

The Secretary had nothing additional to report.

The Treasurer presented her Report, drawing our attention to a new "page 1" report that provides an overview of TCHA's accounts as reported for this year and the past year. (Please see the attached). She noted Funds on deposit on January 31, 2025, increased by \$95,487.27 from the same date in 2024. Operating Cash less current obligations has also increased from January 2024 to January 2025 as have all Investment accounts.

The Budget vs. Actuals Report for January 2025 showed few total expenses than budgeted and the net income has increased.

Eric Lin (Bodhi Consulting) has agreed to conduct TCHA's accounting under the direction of the Treasurer.

Claire Eagle presented the Executive Director's Report (see attached). She reported that the TCHA employee healthcare insurance program has been renewed for another year. And she noted several TCHA program activities inkling a partnership with the Battle Ground Lions Club for a community ay at the Battlefield on May 10.

Invasive plant species have been removed from the hillsides around the Weatherill Center thanks to substantial volunteer effort. Working with Tippecanoe County soil and Water the goal is to keep invasive species as bay in the months and years to come.

Trey Gordan reported for the Battlefield Museum (see attached), noting the Museum opened for the year on February 1. Furnace problems continue but this is a challenge for the Tippecanoe County Parks Department to repair though Dr. Gordan and his staff need to adapt to changeable heating I the building. He brought our attention to a new exhibit focused on a Corporal with the 26th Indiana Infantry Regiment during the Civil War which is now on display at the Museum; thanks to volunteer Luke Polster for his work on the exhibit.

Kelly Lippie reported for the Membership Committee (see attached), noting a continuing increase in TCHA members. The TCHA newsletter schedule differs from the quarter program mailings so that members will receive more regular reminders of TCHA events and news. A brief overview of 2025 Bicentennial activities planned was also provided.

Kelly Lippie reported for the Collections Department (see attached), noting the Bicentennial traveling exhibits have been booked solid through Memorial Day. Bicentennial book images have been scanned and submitted to the Purdue Press for publishing. Many collection-based exhibits and volunteer activities were noted.

Amy Harbor reported for the TCHA Library (see attached) calling our attention to the next Greenbush Cemetery tour scheduled for May 3 and possible collaboration with LDS (Latter Day Saints) local Family History Center.

Brooke Sauter reported for the Feast of the Hunter's Moon Committee. The committee is seeking additional food vendors; please send inquiries to Ms. Sauter to follow up. Brochures for 2025 are now ready; they will feature a nod to the 42nd Royal Highlanders, acknowledging the group's 50th anniversary this year. The Highlanders are a popular and welcome part of each year's Feast celebrations.

She noted too that this weekend's Sugaring event at the Battlefield will be offered for the first time in cooperation with NICHES Land Trust.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS were reviewed (see attached).

Ms. Sauter reported on work pursued by the **Development and Membership Committee**. The 2025 Development plan for the committee and TCHA staff has been finalized with special emphasis on fundraising and special interest funds (the Feast of the Hunter's Moon among them), and other plans pertaining to the Bicentennial. A program to explain Thrivent's options for giving opportunities provided to TCHA members will be offered in April. And a subcommittee will work with local real estate company Keller Williams to plan for the 1825 fundraising campaign, celebrating Lafayette's 200th anniversary.

The update included notice that TCHA has received a \$5k grant from Duke Energy to facilitate the visit of the Miami Tribe of OK to the 2025 Feast of the Hunter's Moon. Work to apply for a grant from SIA is ongoing.

Jeff Burnworth reported for the **Facilities Committee**. All upgrades to lights at the Argenbright Center have been completed. Efforts to obtain quotes for repairs to the HVAC system at The History Center are continuing (one quote has been received); a bullet point list of repairs needed was provided in the Report.

Trey Gordan reported for the **Historic Markers Committee**. Dr. Gordan reported four new members have joined the committee. Two new markers continue to be in the planning stages and the survey of existing markers will be implemented this Spring. It was suggested from the Board that the names and contact information for not-for-profit as well as for-profit organizations/companies which may be interested in repairing/updating existing historical markers ought to be collected and contacted in the months to come as more information is gathered about the status of markers in the county.

Dr. Kory Cooper reported for the **Ouatenon Preserve Committee**. Two topics were explored at the committee's February meeting: replacement of the handicap parking signage at the Preserve Overlook and the options for interpretive pans to be installed at the Overlook. A summary of the plans and timeline for the interpretive signage was included in the Report.

Claire Eagle reported for the **Program Committee**. ED Eagle noted the Committee's task list, successful TCHA Annual Meeting in January, plans for upcoming programs into March, a review of the latest program survey, the April-June tentative program schedule. She discussed as well work on Lafayette Bicentennial programs including a proposed walking tour series and "Selfie Bingo" program.

The Publications Committee reported that Jeff Schwab continues work editing the 4th volume of the Bob Kriebel local history series. Purdue Press has offered a preliminary publication date of September for the Committee's Lafayette and Tippecanoe County 200th Anniversary book.

President Schwab reported that all officers proposed by the Nominating Committee had been elected for their one-year terms beginning February 25.

President Schwab offered his thanks for a successful TCHA Annual meeting with special thanks to TCHA staff and volunteers including vendor Teays River for catering.

Concluding, President Schwab reminded the Board and staff that the Committee leading Strategic Planning for TCHA will once again take up their work at the April Board meeting.

There being no additional business, Jeremy Spann moved adjournment which was approved by voice vote. The TCHA Board meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nick Schenkel, TCHA Secretary

President's Report
Jeff Schwab
March, 2025

Strategic Plan Tentative Schedule

March 20	Present schedule to executive committee
March 25	Final site visit – History Center and present schedule to board
Early April	Collate all site visit notes and share with all parties
April 12	Tentative date for Saturday Strategic Planning Board session
April 22	Board meeting – finalize strategic plan working groups
May-July	Hold facilitated meetings with stakeholders
June-July	Working groups start writing their sections of strategic plan
Early August	Stakeholder feedback combined into working group sub plans
August-October	Working groups complete their portions of strategic plan
November	Board reviews draft of strategic plan
January	Special board meeting to approve final strategic plan
January/February	Strategic plan presented at annual meeting

Treasurer's Report
Lorita Bill
March, 2025

Tippecanoe County Historical Association					
Selected Accounts					
	This Year	Last Month	Change from	Last Year	Change from
	2/28/2025	1/31/2025	Last Month	2/28/2024	Last Year
Operating Bank Accounts					
Petty Cash	568.48	711.79	(143.31)	572.17	(3.69)
First Merchants Checking .01%	46,701.89	28,446.93	18,254.96	47,834.30	(1,132.41)
First Merchants Operating MM 3%	383,411.65	426,156.99	(42,745.34)	325,365.26	58,046.39
Undeposited Funds	269.48	65.00	204.48	542.73	(273.25)
	430,951.50	455,380.71	(24,429.21)	374,314.46	56,637.04
Current Obligations & Receivables					
Accounts Payable	(11,376.58)	(10,279.29)	(1,097.29)	(7,075.48)	(4,301.10)
Credit Card	(2,729.20)	(2,492.64)	(236.56)	(4,215.74)	1,486.54
Grant Money Receivable	43,640.00	43,640.00	-	-	43,640.00
Grant Money Advanced	(42,813.56)	(42,813.56)	-	-	(42,813.56)
Bicentennial Book Money	(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)	-	(12,500.00)	(12,500.00)
	(38,279.34)	(36,945.49)	(1,333.85)	(23,791.22)	(14,488.12)
Operating Cash Less Current Obligations	392,672.16	418,435.22	(25,763.06)	350,523.24	42,148.92
Other Restricted and Designated Accounts					
Emergency Maintenance MM 3%	53,120.90	9,373.25	43,747.65	36,536.32	16,584.58
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 3%	124,869.68	124,857.46	12.22	105,715.43	19,154.25
Feast Rainy Day CD 4.33%	109,112.47	108,742.93	369.54	103,959.85	5,152.62
Total Other Restricted and Designated Accounts	287,103.05	242,973.64	44,129.41	246,211.60	40,891.45
Investment Accounts					
	12/31/2024	12/31/2023	Change 2024		
TCHA Trust	1,545,132.64	1,380,418.37	164,714.27		
Wetherill Trust	384,211.77	359,552.16	24,659.61		
Lafayette Community Foundation	33,950.09	32,981.29	968.80		
Total Investments	1,963,294.50	1,772,951.82	190,342.68		
*Investments are updated quarterly					

**Tippecanoe County Historical Association
Budget vs. Actuals: 2025**

	For the Two Months Ended February 28, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Grant Operating	-	-	-
Contributions	38,814.49	35,668.00	3,146.49
Museum Store Sales	1,112.70	2,550.00	(1,437.30)
Library Revenue	460.90	410.00	50.90
Membership Dues	5,170.00	3,175.00	1,995.00
Programs & Education	5,901.00	3,400.00	2,501.00
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Total Income	56,459.09	45,203.00	11,256.09
Cost of Goods Sold	547.77	1,150.00	(602.23)
Gross Profit	55,911.32	44,053.00	11,858.32
Expenses			
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	39,698.89	40,820.00	(1,121.11)
Administrative Expenses	2,675.55	1,570.00	1,105.55
Contract Services			
Administrative	3,842.86	5,300.00	(1,457.14)
Equipment & Supplies	888.82	1,016.00	(127.18)
Collections, Exhibits & Library	1,031.05	1,082.00	(50.95)
Museum Store Expenses	121.37	150.00	(28.63)
Insurance and Taxes	3,342.17	3,500.00	(157.83)
Repairs & Maintenance	3,678.77	5,447.00	(1,768.23)
Contractual Services - Facilities	434.49	668.00	(233.51)
Utilities	7,883.05	8,452.00	(568.95)
Membership Expenses	535.00	975.00	(440.00)
Fundraising Expense	-	-	-
Feast Expenses	5,997.65	6,517.00	(519.35)
Programs & Education Expense	3,612.45	1,590.00	2,022.45
Total Expenses	73,742.12	77,087.00	(3,344.88)
Net Operating Income	(17,830.80)	(33,034.00)	15,203.20
Other Income (Expense)			
Grants - Nonoperating	-	-	-
Rents	1,550.00	1,200.00	350.00
Interest	3,452.55	2,000.00	1,452.55
Investment Income (distribution only)	1,438.00	1,500.00	(62.00)
Depreciation	(12,040.00)	(12,040.00)	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	(5,599.45)	(7,340.00)	1,740.55
Net Income (Before Depreciation)	(23,430.25)	(40,374.00)	16,943.75

Executive Director Report
Claire Eagle
March 2025

Administration

- Still working with an insurance claim agent following the accident in the Auditorium at the Annual Meeting. I've submitted all paperwork and video of the accident from our security cameras. I followed up a few times, but have not heard anything concrete recently.
- The Bicentennial Book is in process at Purdue Press. It seems to be moving quick and easy so far. We've been told copyediting is almost done already and will be ready for review soon.

Programs

- The second quarter program brochure has been sent to the National Group and should be in mailboxes any day now.
- Taste of the Past dinners have been scheduled for this summer. Tickets go on sale to members on Wednesday and the general public on April 2. I will send out a request for volunteers in early April. We raised ticket prices to \$65 a person.
- Bicentennial programming is picking up. Our first Bicentennial walking tour in March 29 and registration is full. Our second tour on April 26 is nearly full. Bicentennial Selfie Bingo will launch Memorial Day Weekend and go through the end of June. The City is very excited that we are doing it and has offered their support. Additionally, we are taking donations for grand prize baskets. Program committee members have been doing a fantastic job of reaching out to local businesses to gather donations for the baskets.

Facilities

- The second-floor window has been replaced at the Arganbright, finishing up our Community Foundation Grant funded project. I will work to complete that report and get it submitted this week.
- The Facilities committee decided to move forward with a grant application to SIA to fund a safety railing in the Auditorium. The grant is due on March 31st. I've begun the application and plan to get it done and submitted by Friday.
- Been in touch with T.R. Maintenance and they will start up mowing at the Arganbright in the next couple of weeks.
- LFD completed their annual inspection of the History Center with no issues.

Battlefield Museum Report
Trey Gorden
March 2025

- Visitor numbers are well up.
- Furnace fixed ... for real this time!

Attendance looked pretty good this month. From February 21 until March 20, we had 462 visitors, which is 77 more folks than the 385 from same period last year, and a whopping 353 more from last month. To be fair, last month was a short month, but still! Part of the increase is the uptick in school tours, which is very cheerful news.

You may remember that last month the furnace went out. At the time of writing of last month's report, Anderson had cleared a clogged drain and fixed the problem ... for about 24 hours. I think I announced at the previous meeting, though, that they were in the process of replacing the furnace. That installation has been completed just in time for the warmer weather, but in the recent cold snap we've been plenty warm, so everything seems to be in good order. Many thanks to Robbie Alford, with County Parks, for his tenacity!

Merchandise has begun arriving for Feast, and our first mug meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 26th.

**Membership Report
Kelly Lippie
March 2025**

- 1st Newsletter of the year sent out in March
- Met with Keller William regarding 1825 Campaign. Will offer them discounted Family Gift Memberships for the year as a perk of supporting the campaign.
- Met with Thrivent group regarding upcoming Planned Giving presentation that will be available to TCHA members.
- New Treasure member: Geenex

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of Nov. 11	Total as of Feb. 19	Total as of March 21
Individual (\$35)	Annual	52	57	58
Senior Individual (\$30)	Annual	77	83	84
Senior Couple (\$40)	Annual	113	116	117
Family (\$50)	Annual	60	63	64
Patron (\$100)	Annual	68	68	70
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	18	20	20
Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	5	6	6
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	2	2	3
Lifetime	Lifetime	28	28	28
Total Memberships		423	443	450

TCHA Collection Department Report
Kelly Lippie
March 2025

- Bicentennial traveling exhibits still being shown around town.
- Working on edits for the bicentennial book.
- Serving on the committee for Bicentennial Walking Tours- researching tour material for cemetery tour, photography tour, Columbian park tour.
- New exhibit installed at History Center on Lafayette Centennial and Sesquicentennial events.
- Presenting WALLA class with Amy on using the resources at TCHA.
- Talked to the Journal and Courier about Black History sites research with Purdue group.
- Talked to Star City news about the Bicentennial exhibit panels.

Collections Committee met on March 5th. 7 new accessions created.

BOARD ACTION NEEDED:

Items recommended by the Collections Committee for Deaccession:

Accession #	Description	Comments/ Reason	Source	Disposal Method
76-06	Book: "Warren County Centennial"	Duplicate, photocopy of original	Anonymous	Destruction or sale
88.251.01	Lacquered tray with birds from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.02	Lacquered tray, imitation wood, from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.03	Iron temple bell from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.04	Tobacco pipe (kiseru) from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale

88.251.05	Wick Trimmer, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.06	Vase, bamboo shaped, from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.07	Small vase from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.08	Small vase from Japan, signed Kozo Nishiki, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.09	Small vase from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.10	Small vase with 2 handles from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.11	Small vase, one of a pair from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
88.251.12	Small vase, one of a pair from Japan, collection of Ella Blackstock	Out of Scope	John and Mary Robbins	Sale
5474	Lacquer tea caddy with silk case	Out of Scope	Richard B. Wetherill	Sale
0944	Bowl with Chinese design	Out of Scope	Henry Wallace	Sale
1301	Small pewter vase	Out of Scope	Found in Collection, 1933	Sale
2131	Ironstone child's pitcher, ca. 1900	Out of Scope	Elma O'Ferrall, 1929	Sale
6233	Clear glass ink well	Out of Scope, damaged	Art Bailey, 1954	Sale

Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report
Brooke Sauter
March 2025

The Feast Committee Met for the first time in 2025 this past Wednesday. There, Brooke provided an update to the Committee on what she has been working on in the first quarter of 2025. These included:

- Applications have gone to participants, already receiving copies back both digitally and via snail mail.
 - Changes to the application included:
 - Increase in late fees across the board.
 - Extension of deadline to compensate for later Feast.
 - Limiting modern camping to 4 sites per application.
 - Increase in vendor fees.
- Food Booth requests for application have been sent, and received. A meeting will be held April 16 at the History Center for all interested Food Booths to receive info.
- Bids from vendors are underway
- We have once again partnered with United State of Indiana to design apparel for the 2025 Feast, as well as the 2025 button. Brooke will meet with Trey and Diana May next week to discuss the 2025 Mug designs.
- Dates are being finalized for pole cutting at Prophetstown State Park.
- Brooke and Jeff Schwab met with representatives from Verizon to learn about a potential partnership for cell service at the 2025 Feast.
- Feast sewing circles will begin again in April/May
- Devon Roddel, of the West Lafayette Public Library, is working closely with Brooke on a documentary about the Feast. Additional interviews will be taking place over the next couple of months. Target for release is this fall.
- Brooke has met with sponsors and begun to engage them in commitments for 2025.

Other Committee Reports March 2025

Development & Membership Committee

M&D - did not meet in March, here's what is in the works:

- Claire, Jeremy, and I are meeting with Keller-Williams this week to discuss details of the 1825 matching campaign.
- Claire, Kelly, and I are meeting with Christy from Thrivent this week to finalize details. (More below regarding this.)
- We are eagerly working on grants and sponsorships for the Feast.
- Claire is still exploring a potential SIA grant to apply to by end of March.
- Don't forget that the Development Plan for 2025 is finalized, so keep it in mind as you go through this year.

One thing to add to your calendars: We are partnering with Thrivent for an event on April 17th! See details below.

Christy Robertson, CLU, Financial Advisor of Thrivent Financial Invites you to a free educational event:

Charitable Planning to Maximize Impact

If you're eager to enhance the effectiveness of your charitable contributions, this event is perfect for you. Discover innovative strategies to optimize your giving, ensuring it benefits the people and organizations you care about most—both now and in the future. You'll learn about the types of assets you can donate, the mutual benefits for you and the organization, and the potential tax advantages.

Topics include:

- Giving now
- Giving later
- Giving and receiving
- How Thrivent Charitable funds work

Event Details

Thursday, April 17th, 2025

6:00 p.m. ET

[Tippecanoe County Historical Association](#)

1001 South Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

Facilities Committee

BUDGET STATUS

Lorita provided a printout of the budget for the committee
Security Services is \$264.00 under budget. Reason? May be timing of some inspections between what month budgeted in and when they actually occurred
Grounds maintenance is zero because it covers mowing and mowing hasn't started yet

Snow removal cost (under R&M for Arganbright parking lot and sidewalks and HC sidewalks) is well below budget reflecting less snow events this year than last.

GRANTS

NCHS

current grant is still waiting on installation of emergency system out at Fort park. Will begin sometime this spring/summer. We have 75% of money from grant and will have to report to TAF to get remainder of 25% after project done.

Greater Lafayette Community Foundation

grant is still waiting on Gillum glass to do the repair of the Arganbright window so can finish up grant. Exterior painting was completed last fall (billed and paid for already).

Greater Lafayette Community Foundation

Will be applying for NOW grant to include foyer lighting at HC (replacing can lights with 2x4 foot LED panels) plus auditorium audio equipment (sound board, small lectern, conversion box, cables so don't have to break down banquet room lectern and sound system to move it into the auditorium). Will also add bid for lighting for around \$1100 for lighting (2x4 foot LED light panels) plus some 2x4 foot replacement ceiling tiles for the HC alcove next to the banquet room. Each LED light panel is \$67.99.

Will include some lighting for the display cases.

Will likely include the office furniture previous were considering to be pitch to SIA

SIA (Subaru of Indiana Automotive)

Grant is due at the end of the month.

Will submit proposal for safety railing for auditorium wall seating.

Commercial railing available from ULINE

Each section is 3 feet long (color: black)

3 sections / 3 foot space / 3 sections / 3 foot space / 2 sections (Claire's calculations)

We will install these ourselves

Recommended to add \$200 for masonry hammer drill rental and additional hardware

Need to have carpet cleaned after doing masonry drill dust

Will try for SIA first for this grant and if don't get it, will add to NOW grant or NCHS (they do ADA compliance grants)

ARGANBRIGHT

Relamp in library is done.

Break room replaced 1 light (really lights up the room) Need one more put in

Brush pile on hill we are reassured that it will being taken care of by volunteers at Arganbright

Bone yard stuff behind Arganbright still needs to be moved to north side. Need to get

pricing for cost of Bobcat rental (skid steer with forks). Sunbelt rentals apparently back in town. Claire will follow up on getting rental estimates.

HISTORY CENTER

Trip hazard in auditorium – see GRANTS above

Further graffiti removal is tabled. City seems good with current status. There is no guarantee that additional removal options will improve the graffiti (short of painting the brick wall). We've "done everything we can"

AC repair in Dining hall --- calling ICU to get A/C up and running for summer

ICU is going to do an evaluation on HVAC system replacement – requested committee be notified of visit so anyone available can be here when the evaluation is done (to get questions answered)

Chimney is considered to be “non-structural” so removal will get evaluated during HVAC evaluation (still have crumbling and questionable integrity, so needs repair or removal)

Powell submitted quote for HVAC replacement with residential furnace and A/C units

ICU is going to bid similar job next week

Jeff Schawb is going to treat HC Columbia street outside planter with Roundup to nuke all plants. Short discussion on possibly displaying some of the stone pieces from the boneyard behind Arganbright in the HC planter area. Concern that anything small enough to move could be stolen.

FORT SITE/ BATTLEFIELD

Furnace replacement status: Trey reports furnace has been replaced and is working.

Discussion about committee touring Battlefield. Can't do in April because Leadership Lafayette will be using HC for its meeting April 10 at 1:30 prior to next Fac Com meeting at 3:30 and they always run over. Will try to do in May or on a Wednesday when the museum/store is closed.

Barn roof repair still a work in progress

Paint for Conex will be done this spring

It's getting warm enough that can do the sealing of holes in the block house ... need at least 50 degrees. Rodents have been getting into the blockhouse and chewing into bags of food people have brought in over night.

No more bats reported at battlefield

NEW BUSINESS

Claire met with downtown business folks about an alley project unifying all of the alleys in downtown with a similar theme. They want to do our alley next. Might involve connecting lights to the outside of the building to light up a mural (a historical mural). They are recycling saved lights from recently demolished Dunn and Hargitt building.

Historic Markers Committee

William Digby Marker Project:

Rosanne, has the parameters for the project and has composed the text for the new marker, and we're in the process of reviewing it.

Existing Historical Marker Survey:

Sharron Baker went through the monuments in the boneyard and has begun the process of cataloguing and evaluating them.

Scott's Expedition Against the Wea project:

Recently, the trustee for Wayne Township came into the Arganbright wondering what happened to the Scott's Expedition Against the Wea marker. She said the post is still in place. That marker is in the boneyard with a broken cradle, a repair that costs in excess of \$1000.00. The trustee, however, has said she has funding to spend on returning it to service. Our plan is to confirm that

the text is still accurate and, assuming the trustee is correct about the funding, to send it into Sewah for restoration and return it to service.

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

Program Committee

Members present: Cassie Apuzzo, Claire Eagle, Amy Harbor, David Hovde, Brooke Sauter, Whitney Walton and Jan Young

Other members: Leslie Martin Conwell, Kory Cooper, Walt Griffin, Quentin Robinson and Bridget Slack

1. Committee Task List Review
 - ✓ Claire and Brooke will work on Selfie Bingo logistics
 - ✓ Claire will write a letter that committee members can bring to businesses to ask for donations to grand prizes
 - ✓ All committee members will begin to brainstorm July-September programs.
 - ✓ Claire will reach out to Churches to see if they want to participate on the Downtown Houses of Worship tours
2. Previous Program Review
 - a. Friday, February 14 at 6 p.m. – Taste of the Past: Valentine’s Day: Sold out +1=43 attendees
 - b. Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Maple Sugaring at Post Ouiatenon: ~250 attendees
 - c. Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m.— The Purdue University Herbaria: Spinning A “Haymow” into Gold and Black: 13 attendees
3. Plan for Upcoming Programs
 - a. Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. – A Love for Labor: The Life and Legacy of L. P. Lindelof in the Painters’ Union
 - i. Claire will run tech. Reminder email and social media posts are already scheduled! Will is ready to go.
 - b. Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. – Downtown Houses of Worship Part 1
 - i. Bridget will be leading with Claire acting as a sweeper. 4 of the 5 Churches on the tour are confirmed for entry and we are just waiting for the last one.
 - c. Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. – History of Franklin L. Cary Camp
 - i. Claire will run tech.
4. April-June Programs
 - a. Program brochure has been sent to National Group to be printed and mailed.
5. Bicentennial Programs
 - a. Bicentennial Walking Tour Series
 - i. Tours continue to be planned. Our first one is Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. and it is full.
 - b. Show and Tell speed rounds with Bicentennial Book authors
 - i. Claire is putting a list of authors together to contact.
 - c. Selfie Bingo
 - i. Claire and Brooke are working on finalizing the bingo clue sheet and the donation request letter with the most recent feedback from the committee. Hope to have these things completed soon!

- ii. Claire is looking into the small prizes. Cassie's suggestion of an "outdoor" themed prize the a branded compass or carabiner was great!
 - d. Social Media trivia
 - i. Claire began posting trivia questions, but can always use more. Please email her with anything you think is usable.
- 6. Bicentennial Walking Tours Subcommittee
 - a. The committee met on March 11. Please see the notes included below.

Committee Task List

- Brooke and Claire will make edits to bingo card and donation request letter for committee final approval
- Claire will work on the Bicentennial Book show and tell speed round program for July-September
- All committee members will brainstorm July-September programs

Bicentennial Walking Tour Subcommittee (March 11, 2025)

Members present: Claire Eagle, Kelly Lippie, Matt Meyer and Bridget Slack

1. Review of Committee task list
 - ✓ Bridget will start working on a tour path and gathering research for the Downtown Houses of Worship tours.
 - ✓ Claire will reach out to some of the churches to see if we could enter the building and hear a representative speak on the church's history.
 - ✓ Claire will investigate using free Eventbrite services to take RSVPs for the tours.
 - ✓ Kelly will begin working on a Now & Then Photography Tour.
 - ✓ Claire will reach out to Parks to see if they would like to partner on a Columbian Park Tour.
2. Downtown Houses of Worship Update
 - Bridget and Kelly are finishing up gathering historic photos and basic information about each location.
 - Claire has been in contact with the majority of the houses of worship. 7 of the 10 locations we are wanting to feature have confirmed. We've gotten a couple new contacts for the other three so Claire has reached out again. The priority to confirm currently is St. Boniface since they are on the first tour.
3. Ticketing Platform
 - a. Claire worked with Brooke to develop a page on our Ticketspice account (used to sell Feast tickets) so that we can use it for registration for our walking tours. You can find it here: <https://bit.ly/TCHABicentennialTours25>
 - b. Brooke had the brilliant idea of adding an additional donation button since the tickets to each tour are free. We've already received \$112 in donations.
4. Columbian Park Tour
 - a. Kelly and Claire met with Samantha, Lafayette Parks and Recreation Marketing Manager and Alex Tanskley, Lafayette Parks Marketing and Special Events Coordinator to discuss partnering for a Columbian Park walking tour. They loved the idea and suggested we do one on Tuesday, July 1 during their Art in the Park event and an additional daytime tour later in the month. Unfortunately, between their schedules and ours we are only able to commit to the July 1 tour at this time. We've let them know we might be able to do an additional tour in the fall but can't schedule it just

yet. This will be a self-guided tour with docents stationed throughout the park.

- b. The Park has agreed to staging some of their artifacts (including an old car from one of their attractions) in the Rush Pavilion as a part of the tour.
 - c. Claire might not be here for this tour as that is the weekend she typically goes on vacation. Kelly has agreed to be day of point person in the event Claire is not there. Claire will continue to handle the prep work.
5. Late Summer Tour Ideas
 - a. Back Alley Architecture
 - b. Cemetery Tours
 - c. Hanna/Lincoln Neighborhoods
 - d. Five Points (including the Fire Station and Fowler House to Five Points on South Street)
 6. Tour Plan through July
 - a. Downtown Churches Part 1 – Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m.
 - b. Downtown Churches Part 2 – Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m.
 - c. Greenbush Cemetery Tour – Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m.
 - d. A Photographic History of Downtown – Thursday, June 17 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
 - e. Columbian Park – Tuesday, July 1 from 6-8 p.m.

Committee Task List

- Joan will begin working on the research for the Back Alley Architecture Tour
- Claire will reach out to the additional contacts she got from the three houses of worship that are not confirmed
- Claire will reach out to the Highland Park Neighborhood Association to see if they would like to partner on a tour
- Matt will begin working on the research for the Five Points tour
- Bridget will finalize the research for the Downtown Houses of Worship tours

Publications Committee

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)
Mónica Casanova	December 2027 (January 2028)
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)
Quentin Robinson	December 2027 (January 2028)
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

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* 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
Mónica Casanova
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

Quentin Robinson *
Dave Sattler *

Colby Bartlett
Claire Eagle

Jeff Schwab

Other Committees

Development & Membership Committee

Brooke Sauter *
Jeff Burnworth
Kory Cooper
Kelly Lippie

Tara Raber
Dave Sattler
Jeremy Spann
Todd White

Other Members:
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
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Janine Lowery
Melissa O'Farrell

Sheri Sondgerath
Scott Stambaugh
Andy Wall
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Logan York
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Other Members:
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Sally Carter

Phyllis Dotson
Jonathan Lipps
Duane Mantick
Linda Swihart

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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
Pete Bill
Mónica Casanova
Walt Griffin

Amy Harbor
David Hovde
Quentin Robinson
Bridget Slack

Whitney Walton
Other Members:
Leslie Martin Conwell
Jan Young

Publications Committee

David Hovde *
Cassie Apuzzo

Rosanne Altstatt
Pete Bill

Trey Gorden
Jeff Schwab

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