

**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, April 22, 2025  
HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM**

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

Jeff Schwab – President	Pete Bill	Quentin Robinson
Jeremy Spann – Vice President	Jeff Burnworth	Dave Sattler
Nick Schenkel - Secretary	Mónica Casanova	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
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.

- 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 March 25, 2025 Board meeting – *Pages 4-8*
- Officers' reports and business
  - President
    - Strategic Planning Update – *Page 9*
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer – *Pages 10-11*
    - Transfer from operations account to other funds
- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle – *Page 12*
  - Volunteers still needed for Memorial Day weekend – especially Sunday
  - Tickets on sale for Taste of the Past dinners with Lauren Reed
  - Duke sponsorship for walking tours
  - History Center Banquet Hall A/C repaired
- Battlefield Museum Report – Trey Gorden – *Page 13*
  - Attendance up from last month but down from last year
  - Lions Club Community Day schedule for May 10
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 14*
  - Upcoming membership perk for May only: McCords Candies (spend \$20, get free drink).
  - Other Bicentennial perks still active: Wolf Park and Flora Candle Co.
  - Other perks: early registration for "Taste of the Past Dinners".
  - Membership Only tour of Fort Ouiatenon June 12 and 14
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 15-17*
  - Bicentennial Exhibits still travelling
  - Working on researching material for walking tours
  - Working on various exhibits
  - BOARD ACTION NEEDED for Deaccessions
- Research Library Report – Amy Harbor – *Page 18*
  - Greenbush Cemetery Tour May 3<sup>rd</sup>!
  - Finished teaching WALLA mini session with Kelly
  - Gave presentation at University Place
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report – Brooke Sauter – *Page 19*
  - Working on merchandise designs for 2025
  - Pole cutting scheduled for April 26
  - Annual food booth meeting last week
  - Working with Kelly on school days
- Notes from Committees – *Pages 20-24*
- Any Other Business
- *END AGENDA*

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

Board President Jeff Schwab called the March 25, 2025, meeting 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, Lorita Bill, Nick Schenkel, Pete Bill, Jeff Burnworth, Walt Griffin, Tara Raber, Quentin Robinson, Jeremy Spann, Jillian White and Todd White.

Colby Bartlet and David Hovde attended online.

Governors who were not present in-person or online were Rosanne Altstatt, Cassandra Apuzzo, Monica Casanova, H. Kory Cooper, Ashima Krishna, Dave Sattler, Bridget Slack, John F. Thieme and Whitney Walton.

Staff members present were Executive Director Claire Eagle, Kelly Lippe and Brooke Sauter in person.

The Minutes of the February 25, Board Meeting were presented and approved by voice vote after a motion from Todd White and Pete Bill.

President Schwab noted that tonight's board meeting would have minimal time for staff and committee reports so that the board can focus its attention on completing our tours of TCHA facilities, focusing on the History Center this evening.

He offered copies of the Feast's Food Booth solicitation brochure for us to share with interested groups. (attached).

He also presented a Timeline for TCHA's Strategic Planning initiative (attached).

The Vice President asked if board members could have new nametags provided; ED Eagle asked all board members to let her know if they desired a new nametag and she will get them made for us.

The Secretary had nothing additional to report.

***The Treasurer presented a brief Report (see attached)***, drawing our attention to the larger than expected total income to date and resulting larger than expected net operating income for the period ending February 28.

She reviewed TCHA's 2024 990 report to the IRS with us, noting some board members had reached out to her with questions before the board meeting; there were few questions about the Form 990 at the meeting. The Form 990 for 2024 was approved on a voice vote, moved by Pete Bill and seconded by Quentin Robinson.

Claire Eagle presented the Executive Director's Report (see attached). She reported on the ongoing insurance matter from the Annual Meeting, the positive movement of the Bicentennial book with Purdue Press, successful programming efforts and facilities news.

In particular she drew our attention to two significant grants received from Visit Lafayette/West Lafayette, with publicity and related efforts for \$15,000 focused on the Feast and \$15,000 on the Battlefield.

"ACORN Players", a local theater group, will be renting the History Center in late April (for the first time). Claire asked us to help with building monitoring when the theater group is scheduled to use the building.

And finally, she noted that Memorial Day this year has been proclaimed "Bicentennial Day" by the City. The City has asked TCHA to offer a booth at Columbian Park that day to help with the celebrations; board members are asked to help staff the booth.

Claire reported for Trey Gorden for the Battlefield Museum (see attached), noting visitors to the since it opened on February 1 are significantly increased for the past month's report. Furnace problems seem to have been repaired thanks to County Parks staff efforts.

Kelly Lippie reported for the Membership Committee (see attached), noting the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Newsletter has been issued and that we see a continuing increase in TCHA members and a new "Treasure" member. Keller Williams continues to be interested in working with TCHA to support the 1825 Campaign. TCHA will offer a Thrivent Group planned giving presentation for TCHA members.

Kelly Lippie reported for the Collections Department (see attached), noting a number of Bicentennial exhibits and activities supported by the Department.

She also offered a list of items that the Collections Committee recommend for de-acquisition. Upon a motion by Jillian White, seconded by Tara Raber, the Board voted to move forward with removing those items from the TCHA collections.

There was no report from the TCHA Library.

Brooke Sauter reported for the Feast of the Hunter's Moon Committee on planning for the Feast scheduled for October. She noted as well that she is working with Devon Roddel of the West Lafayette Public Library to develop a documentary about the Feast with a target release date of this Fall.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS** were reviewed (see attached).

Ms. Sauter gave an extended report about the upcoming charitable planning event to be offered by Thrivent for TCHA members on Thursday, April 17 at 6 pm at the History Center.

The **Facilities Committee** offered a two-page report on their work with TCHA buildings and properties (see attached). Special note – Clair is talking with downtown businesses about an alley project unify the alley-scapes in the downtown areas with particular interest in the History Center; more reports on this to come in the future.

Claire Eagle reported for the **Historic Markers Committee** which is moving forward with several projects with existing markers and a new William Digby marker under development. Please read the attached written Report.

There was no report for the **Ouiatenon Preserve Committee**.

Claire Eagle reported for the **Program Committee**. ED Eagle noted the Committee’s work with regular TCHA programing and with new Bicentennial themed programs for this year including a proposed walking tour series and “Selfie Bingo” program. Special attention was brought to the Bicentennial Walking Tour Subcommittee; topics included overall tasks including the ticketing platform (Ticketspice), the proposed downtown houses of worship tour, the Columbian Park tour, late summer tours elsewhere in the city and a preliminary tour schedule through July.

**The Publications Committee had no report.**

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

There was not additional business to attend to and so President Schwab called on us to tour The History Center’s main floor and basement storage areas (5:52 pm) and write our observations/impressions of the Center’s Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (external) - as we have done with tours at other TCHA sites. The tour concluded with a twenty-minute time period, there followed a lively discussion by board members and staff in attendance. Please see the Report on written observations and discussion included below.

There being no additional business, Jeremy Spann moved adjournment which was approved by voice vote. The TCHA Board meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nick Schenkel, TCHA Secretary

**March 25, 2025 - - THOUGHTS Recorded at the History Center on paper posters:**

**Strengths**

- Location
- Space
- Commercial kitchen
- Larger capacity in auditorium
- Flexibility for presentations
- Storage space potential in basement

**Weaknesses**

- Usefulness of space
- Parking
- Usage of space and artifact display
- HVAC
- Costs of upkeep
- Flat roof

**Opportunities**

- Community events
- Displays
- Wall space for displays
- Patio

**Threats**

- Graffiti
- HVAC (Boiler life)
- Lack of staffing for events
- Space is desirable for development
- Security

**Discussion**

- Location is downtown – in the midst of the downtown revival
- Lots of useable space – for meetings, for displays, for storage
- Building has been/is being refurbished
- Parking – a challenge for any downtown location (though it was noted there are two public parking garages located nearby and there is street parking) it was noted that the parking situation does not seem to be keeping visitors from coming to programs at the Center
- Handicap parking is minimal
- HVAC – problems due to age of the system and due to HVAC in public buildings in general
- Safety issues – Columbia Street is not as busy with pedestrians as Main Street during the evening which can lead to a perception that the building is in a less-than-safe neighborhood
- Though note, the building itself is secured with an alarm system and lighting inside and out has been greatly improved recently
- Fire issues – with a commercial kitchen there is a possible increased threat of damage to storage and exhibition collections
- Purchasing insurance for the collections can be expensive?
- Lots of available space (see Strengths section)
- Building was popular in its first use as a vote center in the November 2024 elections – we ought to encourage more such uses
- Building is not yet well known (one board member described it as “nondescript” and easily overlooked) – lots of opportunities to make it better known in the community perhaps during Farmer’s Markets and during annual Christmas parade festivities, gallery walks

- Patio space at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Columbia Streets has ample space for public events – as an example, the pancake breakfast offered on the patio in the recent past was popular



**President's Report**  
**Jeff Schwab**  
**April, 2025**

Strategic Plan Tentative Schedule

<del>March 20</del>	<del>Present schedule to executive committee</del>
<del>March 25</del>	<del>Final site visit — History Center and present schedule to board</del>
<del>Early April</del>	<del>Collate all site visit notes and share with all parties</del>
<del>April 12</del>	<del>Tentative date for Saturday Strategic Planning Board session</del>
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**  
**April, 2025**

<b>Tippecanoe County Historical Association</b>					
<b>Selected Accounts</b>					
	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Month</b>	<b>Change from</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Change from</b>
	<b>3/31/2025</b>	<b>2/28/2025</b>	<b>Last Month</b>	<b>3/31/2024</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
<b>Operating Bank Accounts</b>					
Petty Cash	568.48	568.48	-	572.17	(3.69)
First Merchants Checking .01%	74,885.87	46,701.89	28,183.98	49,452.55	25,433.32
First Merchants Operating MM 3%	384,388.59	383,411.65	976.94	326,646.72	57,741.87
Undeposited Funds	822.85	269.48	553.37	561.58	261.27
	460,665.79	430,951.50	29,714.29	377,233.02	83,432.77
<b>Current Obligations &amp; Receivables</b>					
Accounts Payable	(13,973.77)	(12,336.58)	(1,637.19)	(9,971.57)	(4,002.20)
Credit Card	(1,842.59)	(2,729.20)	886.61	(2,242.71)	400.12
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)
	(39,989.92)	(39,239.34)	(750.58)	(24,714.28)	(15,275.64)
<b>Operating Cash Less Current Obligations</b>	<b>420,675.87</b>	<b>391,712.16</b>	<b>28,963.71</b>	<b>352,518.74</b>	<b>68,157.13</b>
<b>Other Restricted and Designated Accounts</b>					
Maintenance Reserve MM 3%	53,256.25	53,120.90	135.35	32,331.82	20,924.43
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 3%	124,889.83	124,869.68	20.15	105,862.96	19,026.87
Feast Rainy Day CD 4.33%	109,513.73	109,112.47	401.26	104,429.85	5,083.88
<b>Total Other Restricted and Designated Accounts</b>	<b>287,659.81</b>	<b>287,103.05</b>	<b>556.76</b>	<b>242,624.63</b>	<b>45,035.18</b>
<b>Investment Accounts</b>	<b>3/31/2025</b>	<b>12/31/2024</b>	<b>Change 2025</b>	<b>Distributions</b>	<b>Gain (Loss)</b>
TCHA Trust	1,514,879.88	1,545,132.64	(30,252.76)	16,732.81	(13,519.95)
Wetherill Trust	377,554.53	384,211.77	(6,657.24)	4,638.11	(2,019.13)
Lafayette Community Foundation	32,519.40	33,950.09	(1,430.69)	1,438.00	7.31
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>1,924,953.81</b>	<b>1,963,294.50</b>	<b>(38,340.69)</b>	<b>22,808.92</b>	<b>(15,531.77)</b>
*Investments are updated quarterly					

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Income</b>			
Grant Operating	-	-	-
Contributions	38,893.69	37,502.00	1,391.69
Museum Store Sales	3,734.39	5,050.00	(1,315.61)
Library Revenue	709.70	625.00	84.70
Membership Dues	6,620.00	5,120.00	1,500.00
Programs & Education	23,388.00	4,900.00	18,488.00
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	22,396.00	750.00	21,646.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,741.78</b>	<b>53,947.00</b>	<b>41,794.78</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	1,662.78	2,275.00	(612.22)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>94,079.00</b>	<b>51,672.00</b>	<b>42,407.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	59,565.00	60,828.00	(1,263.00)
Administrative Expenses	3,728.69	2,543.00	1,185.69
Contract Services			
Administrative	5,561.62	5,925.00	(363.38)
Equipment & Supplies	1,071.76	1,349.00	(277.24)
Collections, Exhibits & Library	1,438.82	1,998.00	(559.18)
Museum Store Expenses	213.81	240.00	(26.19)
Insurance and Taxes	5,027.27	5,250.00	(222.73)
Repairs & Maintenance	5,282.70	10,098.00	(4,815.30)
Contractual Services -			
Facilities	1,014.70	1,002.00	12.70
Utilities	11,645.35	12,428.00	(782.65)
Membership Expenses	535.00	975.00	(440.00)
Fundraising Expense	-	-	-
Feast Expenses	10,158.23	9,938.00	220.23
Programs & Education			
Expense	3,612.45	1,730.00	1,882.45
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>108,855.40</b>	<b>114,304.00</b>	<b>(5,448.60)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(14,776.40)</b>	<b>(62,632.00)</b>	<b>47,855.60</b>
<b>Other Income (Expense)</b>			
Grants - Nonoperating	-	-	-
Rents	2,150.00	1,800.00	350.00
Interest	5,284.13	3,000.00	2,284.13
Investment Income			
(distribution only)	22,808.92	23,125.00	(316.08)
Depreciation	(18,060.00)	(18,060.00)	-
<b>Total Other Income (Expense)</b>	<b>12,183.05</b>	<b>9,865.00</b>	<b>2,318.05</b>
<b>Net Income (Before Investment</b>			
<b>Gains (Losses))</b>	<b>(2,593.35)</b>	<b>(52,767.00)</b>	<b>50,173.65</b>

**Executive Director Report**  
**Claire Eagle**  
**April 2025**

**Administration**

- Still working with an insurance claim agent following the accident in the Auditorium at the Annual Meeting. Our claim agent has gone dark. I've left voicemails and sent a ton of emails, but I have not heard anything back.
- The Bicentennial Book is in process at Purdue Press. We've got the copy edits done and are working on cover and layout design.
- The staff took a field trip to the Putnam County Museum last week. Their museum is in a converted grocery store, so it was interesting to see their space and how they have made it work for them.
- National Volunteer Week is April 21-25. We are celebrating with some snacks and goodies available at the Arganbright throughout the week for our volunteers to enjoy. As Board members are also volunteers, I invite you to stop by throughout the week as well.

**Programs**

- The July-September schedule is beginning to take shape. Please see the Program Committee notes for further information.
- Taste of the Past tickets are on sale now. Ticket sales have been good so far considering the first dinner isn't for another six weeks. I will be sending out a request for volunteers for all dinners this week.
- We've added Audrey Johnson to our Monon and Bicentennial Taste of the Past dinners. She will be performing local songs related to each theme at the beginning of the dinner.
- We are still looking for volunteers for Memorial Day Weekend at Columbian Park. The weekend is the largest Bicentennial event for the City. They have asked us to host our pop-up Bicentennial exhibits in the Carousel building each day from 10-4 p.m. Kelly and I will take care of the set and take down, but we could really use the help throughout the weekend! You will be greeting visitors, inviting them to view the exhibits and sharing info about TCHA including our upcoming events and Selfie Bingo (which launches that weekend). All info you might need will be provided before your shift. You can sign up for a shift here: [bit.ly/BicentennialCelebration](https://bit.ly/BicentennialCelebration)
- Duke Energy has given us a sponsorship for the summer walking tours. The \$1000 sponsorship will be for the Greenbush Cemetery Tour, the photographic history of Downtown tours in June and the Columbian Park tour in July. The sponsorship will help cover some of the costs associated including supplies and printing of tour booklets.

**Facilities**

- The Banquet Hall rooftop AC has been fixed.
- With the sale of the YWCA building, we've been fortunate enough to get some of the furniture they no longer need. I will be getting a new desk, chairs and rug for my office and Kelly got four shelving units.

**Battlefield Museum Report**  
**Trey Gorden**  
**April 2025**

- Visitor numbers are up from last month.
- Closed for Easter
- Lion's Club Community Day and the Battlefield coming May 10<sup>th</sup>!
- Robbie Alford leaving the battlefield

Attendance wasn't bad this month, in spite of the short period. From March 21 until April 18, we had **643** visitors, which is a whopping 353 more than last month's 462, but 172 fewer folks than the 815 from the same period last year. Since this doesn't include the weekend, it's likely that we'll narrow this gap a bit, but because we'll be closed for Easter Sunday, I think we're unlikely to close it.

We will close for Easter Sunday.

We've been preparing for our Lion's Club Community Day at the Battlefield, scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll have our usual array of re-enactors, I'll be offering battlefield tours, and the Lion's Club will sell hot dogs and drinks. They're also sponsoring free admission all day long. Come on out!

The new furnace is continuing to work, though it needed some adjustment recently. With any luck, we won't need it again until Fall!

Robbie Alford, the Battlefield Park Property Manager, is preparing to leave us for another position at Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation. He's been an incredible partner to us for many years, and he's done a fantastic job keeping the grounds beautiful and the facilities in good shape. We're going to miss him, and we wish him all the best at his new position.

**Membership Report**  
**Kelly Lippie**  
**April 2025**

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of Feb. 19	Total as of March 21	Total as of April 17
Individual (\$35)	Annual	57	58	58
Senior Individual (\$30)	Annual	83	84	81
Senior Couple (\$40)	Annual	116	117	115
Family (\$50)	Annual	63	64	58
Patron (\$100)	Annual	68	70	70
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	20	20	19
Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	6	6	6
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	2	3	4
Lifetime	Lifetime	28	28	28
Total Memberships		443	450	439

Total members as of April 18, 2024: 433

7 New memberships in March and April

There are still 20 memberships (from March and mostly April renewal notices) that have not been renewed.

## TCHA Collection Department Report

Kelly Lippie

April 2025

- Bicentennial traveling exhibits still being shown around town. Recently at Burnett Creek Elem., Civic Theater and 5 Centier bank lobbies.
- 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.
- "Threshing the Grain" women's history exhibit loaned to the Farm at Prophetstown until mid-June.
- Met with Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship for planning Immigration workshop for teachers.
- Visited First Christian Church to view their historical records for possible donation to TCHA.
- Visited Putnam County Museum for behind-the-scenes tour and discussion with Director. They have set up a museum in an old grocery store building.
- Planning exhibit for Lafayette Costume ball, volunteers are helping with labels and to create a slide-show video to showcase historic photos.
- Working with Of Thee I Sing to pick sheet music from the collection for performance at the "Taste of the Past" dinners. Also working on artifact displays for the Monon-themed dinner.

Collections Committee met on April 4<sup>th</sup>. 7 new accessions created.

### BOARD ACTION NEEDED:

Items recommended by the Collections Committee for Deaccession:

Accession #	Description	Comments/ Reason	Source	Disposal Method
0239	Burmese cigarette of best quality. Presented by Prime Minister of King Thebaw to Dr. Wetherill	Out of Scope, poor condition	Richard B. Wetherill, 1920s	Destruction
0110	Fine specimen of Egyptian textile, made in Cairo, Egypt, 1908.	Out of Scope, poor condition	Richard B. Wetherill, 1920s	Destruction
6504	Unknown carved wooden instrument (T-shaped).[from the collection of Ella Blackstock, likely Japanese in origin, include Japanese characters.]	Out of Scope, poor condition	Mrs. John S. Morrison	Destruction
6506.03	Unknown item (small wooden piece with point). From the Japanese collection of Ella Blackstock.	Out of Scope	Mrs. John S. Morrison	Destruction

6505.02	Unknown--(small wooden toadstool). From the Japanese collection of Ella Blackstock.	Out of Scope	Mrs. John S. Morrison	Destruction
6497	Metal replica of Horii (to mark sacred site). From the Japanese collection of Ella Blackstock.	Out of Scope	Mrs. John S. Morrison	Sale
6498	Unknown decorative metal plaque or possibly a mirror. From the Japanese collection of Ella Blackstock.	Out of Scope	Mrs. John S. Morrison	Sale
2127	Japanese mirror.	Out of Scope	Elma O'Ferrall, 1929	Sale
1374		Out of Scope. Donor gave several items that appear to be collected/salvaged relics. Fort Supply established 1868 for anti- Plains Indian campaigns. Closed 1894.	Velda Klepinger	Offer to Fort Supply historic site or destroy.
0244	"Tear bottle from Pompeii". Lable reads, "Bottle dug from Pompeii" and "1847" and "Charles M. Wetherill".	Out of Scope	Richard B. Wetherill, 1920s	Donation to other museum or sale.
2915	"Leaves from an olive tree on the Mount of Olives plucked by Mrs. Alice P. Wells" [mount of olives is a mountain ridge in East Jerusalem]	Out of Scope	Albert Wells, 1932	Destruction
6520	Wooden stick with a split, possibly chop sticks. Accession description does not mention this item and it may have been misnumbered.	Out of Scope	Arthur Bailey?, 1954	Destruction
1283	"Japanese Pipe" From the Japanese collection of Ella Blackstock.	Out of Scope	Caroline Morrison, 1938	Sale



2019.096.01	Book: "Looking Back in Time: The Lives and Ancestry of Kenneth Harrer and Mary Jo Tennell" by Robert D. Harrer.	Duplicate, replaced with updated edition.	Robert D. Harrer, 2019	Sale
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**TCHA Research Library Report**  
**Amy Harbor**  
**April 2025**

My main focus this month has been on finalizing volunteers for the Bicentennial Greenbush Cemetery walk and researching the people who will be represented. Hope to see you there on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Since the last board meeting :

- 8 walk-in visitors
- 1 New library volunteer
- 8 email questions/requests
- Approximately \$190 income so far in April
- Attended the staff field trip to Putnam County Museum
- Finished teaching WALLA mini session with Kelly – this brought in at least two new memberships and a follow up appointment with one attendee
- University Place – gave presentation to men's breakfast group

**Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report**  
**Brooke Sauter**  
**April 2025**

- Working on Merch/Mug and other designs for 2025 designs
- Pole Cutting at Prophetstown on April 26
- Sewing Circles are happening, April has passed but remaining sessions are May 1, 8, 29
- Working with vendors to confirm partnerships. Tying up a few loose ends, but most are on track.
- Food Booth Meeting was April 16
- Working with Kelly on School Days

## Other Committee Reports

### April 2025

#### Development & Membership Committee

- 1825 Campaign is still being planned. We have some great things coming down the pipe with this, thanks to Jeremy and his coworker Adam at Keller-Williams.
- The Annual Appeal letter has been drafted. More on this and the process of the Appeal coming soon.
- Thrivent Planned Giving Session held 4/17
- We received notice on a pause for ALL National Endowment for the Humanities grants from Indiana Humanities last week. They graciously have funded the Miami of OK Tribe's visit to the Feast. We are so grateful this came in right before the cancellations hit.
- Working on a grant with Lafayette Life Foundation regarding Feast School Days support.

#### Facilities Committee

##### BUDGET

As of this week Total Expenses for facilities repairs, maintenance, services, and utilities are under the projected budget by \$5870.25. Repair and Maintenance portion of that total that covers all TCHA physical facilities R&M is under projected budget by \$4920.30. However, there are R&M projects coming up for the Feast Grounds and History Center that simply haven't been started yet and are waiting for warmer spring weather.

Jeff Burnworth asked if there were any changes in electrical utilities that would have shown the effect of the installation of new LED lights especially at Arganbright? Right now electrical utilities expenses are \$64.01 *over* budget (\$2850 budgeted, \$2914.01 actually spent). But it's hard to say because there are so many different variables that impact the electrical bill including outside temperature swings.

The older LED can lights that were installed about 5 years ago in the Arganbright library alcove area were replaced with newer LED lights that don't generate as much heat as the old lights. Will be interesting to see in the spring if the utility expenses drops compared to last year since this will be the time in which the furnaces will be running less and the A/C electrical compressors will not have been used very much.... Thus more of the electrical expense will be related to lighting.

Have not spent any money on the Feast projects yet this spring. Will be doing work on blockhouse roof this spring.

Phone actual expense is lower than projected budget because we switched providers.

##### GRANTS

Indiana Humanities has shut down its grant program for now because their federal funding has been cut by the current administration. FROM THE INDIANA HUMANITIES WEB SITE:

##### NEH Funding Terminated

Indiana Humanities recently received notice from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) terminating congressionally approved grant funding that provides support to our organization and allows us to serve Hoosiers in all 92 counties.

What does this mean for Indiana?

Although we will remain operational, the loss of NEH funding will profoundly impact our ability to serve Hoosiers statewide. Residents in cities, towns, and rural areas will lose access to traveling exhibitions, speakers series, film screenings, conversations, and many more programs that support Hoosier communities.

In 2024, we provided 127 organizations with more than \$317,000 in direct grants and program support. Without NEH funding, we will have limited resources to provide assistance for groups to celebrate local history, hold teacher workshops, host festivals, provide educational activities for students, or engage residents in their towns' unique architectural heritage.

TCHA usually gets money for the Feast from them to support bringing in native performers. Fortunately, we aren't totally dependent upon Indiana Humanities to continue to do this.

Grant has been submitted to SIA to fund new railing in auditorium to hopefully prevent falls associated with elevated seating platforms at the side of the auditorium. We will hear in June.

NCHS – Fort emergency notification system grant.

TCHA is trying to work with Tippecanoe County Emergency Management (TEMA) to make sure what they say they need out at the Fort (for emergency notification system) is still within the context of the grant we have already submitted to NCHS. Marty keeps changing his mind.

Greater Lafayette Community Foundation

Waiting for current grant to be wrapped up before we submit new NOW grant for HC lighting and furniture. (CLAIRE – IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE GOING TO GO INTO THIS NOW GRANT?)

ARGANBRIGHT

Boneyard status – there probably isn't anything from the Boneyard (behind Arganbright) that can go to HC planters. The big pieces are too heavy. The concern is that the smaller things might be stolen. Are there any smaller things that we don't mind losing to theft? Didn't come up with anything.

Claire had contacted Sunbelt Rentals guy about renting equipment to move stuff out of boneyard ... but never heard back from him. The contact information might be old and perhaps the guy is not with Sunbelt anymore. Claire will try contacting Sunbelt again through the general contact phone number.

Exterior work at Arganbright is complete (exterior window completed).

New window has no window tint on it and no UV blocking film. So in the future to put on some type of coating on the windows to block UV rays. Discussion about us doing it ourselves versus paying someone professionally to do so. Mentioned that windows are now receiving ceramic coatings that specifically block infrared (so blocks heat) as well as tints that block UV light. Claire says she doesn't need any coating to decrease heat in here corner office with all the windows.

After discussion the group decided it was better to confer with a professional group to identify the type of application best for what we need and for it to be done by a company that will provide a warranty for their work. TCHA can get a grant to have this done professionally.

Jeff B. suggested that Advantage Auto Glass does this for residential windows (as well as cars).

HISTORY CENTER

HVAC repair ... fan motor and blade on roof unit of HC has been replaced. Replaced a heater on the compressor also. A/C is currently running fine. Haven't received the invoice yet but Claire anticipates it will probably be more than quote cost. This was considered to be the highest priority part of the HC's HVAC repair since this is the A/C that supplies the bulk of the main floor.

Claire is scheduling to get another quote for the other components of the HVAC that need to be replaced.

Flower bed – Jeff Schwab will be working on this soon ... maybe end of April. He will mulch the beds too.

#### FORT/BATTLEFIELD

The Facilities Committee will meet at Battlefield. Claire will check with Trey to verify he doesn't have any big group coming in or anything on that date.

Blockhouse repairs will be done May 10. TCHA will pay for the paint. Are getting services for spraying for free (Micah is going to do spraying).

Storage compartment (Conex) at Fort painting scheduled for May 10 or 11 (weather permitting).

Pest control needed at block house (rodents). But need to make the building more weather tight before really do pest control since the pests would still be able to get into the building.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Ground hog is back at Arganbright.

Alley – Claire met with committee that is working on producing murals in downtown alleys. The Downtown Visitors group and Art Museum got money from Visit Lafayette/West Lafayette. They are working on light design for shining on any murals that are put in. Historic commission says TCHA can't paint a mural on our wall because we must preserve the unpainted brick wall in current condition to maintain its historic authenticity for the period. Only the rotting plywood area underneath the concrete steps going into the building can be painted. The area is in bad shape and hardly visible since it is so low under the concrete stairway.

Auditorium had problem with paneling buckling in the north east corner of the auditorium. Claire had checked to see if there was any wetness when it was first discovered. This would have been around the time we received a lot of rain. It was dry. The paneling is only buckled at the bottom 2 feet or so. Rest of the panel is fine. Brick wall behind it is not wet and is not buckled. Appears that the swelling of the paneling (no room for expansion between paneling sheets) caused the panel to buckled pulling away from the adhesive holding the paneling to the wall. There are other areas along that same wall where the paneling at the bottom shows some evidence of bulging but not as severe as that in the northeast corner. Concluded that the buckling of panel is purely cosmetic. No water. No problem with wall underneath.

Need to promote the patio brick sales to get more bricks. There are still 7-8 bricks that need to be moved closer to the street-brick sidewalk entering the building on the east side. One of the bricks in place is damaged and a portion is missing. The brick needs to be replaced.

Because of the out-of-town staff meeting this month, we rescheduled the meeting for the end of the month, so we have not had a meeting. Nevertheless, following are accomplishments since our last meeting.

#### William Digby Marker Project:

The William Digby marker is nearly ready for order from Sewah. As soon as we have received state approval we'll be ready to order it.

#### Scott's Expedition Against the Wea project:

Jonathan Lipps has taken point on this project. He has pulled the broken marker out in the boneyard and verified that, other than the damage to the cradle, it is in good repair. He has gone to its former location and verified that the space is still available (in fact, it appears the old post may still be there).

### **Ouiatenon Preserve Committee**

#### **Program Committee**

Members present: Cassie Apuzzo, Claire Eagle, Amy Harbor, Bridget Slack and Whitney Walton  
Other members: Mónica Casanova, Leslie Martin Conwell, Walt Griffin, Quentin Robinson, Brooke Sauter and Jan Young

1. Committee Task List Review
  - ✓ 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
2. Previous Program Review
  - a. Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. – A Love for Labor: The Life and Legacy of L. P. Lindelof in the Painters' Union: 13 attendees
  - b. Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. – Downtown Houses of Worship Part 1: sold out at 25
  - c. Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. – History of Franklin L. Cary Camp: 17 attendees
3. Plan for Upcoming Programs
  - a. Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. – Downtown Houses of Worship Part 2
    - i. Claire is finalizing confirmation with the featured Houses of Worship. Tickets are sold out.
  - b. Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. – School of the Artifact: Beads
    - i. This program will not be streamed via Zoom. Leslie is working with Kelly to get artifacts out and she and Rick will handle the program themselves. Set up will be taken care of ahead of time.
  - c. Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. – Greenbush Cemetery Tour
    - i. Volunteers are working on researching their person. We've had 76 tickets reserved.
4. Program additions for Taste of the Past Dinners

- i. Audrey Johnson has been added to the program for the Monon and Bicentennial dinners. She will do a short performance of songs related to each theme. Her performance fee is \$500 each. Brooke and Claire are working on potential sponsorships, but there is money available in the budget to cover costs if the sponsorship does not end up working out.
- 5. July-September Programs
  - a. The third quarter programs are starting to be scheduled. We plan to be a bit less aggressive with program scheduling compared to the second quarter. The current tentative schedule is below. We'd like to do one or two more lecture programs to round the schedule out.
    - i. Tuesday, July 1 at 6 p.m. – Columbian Park Walking Tour
    - ii. Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m. – Taste of the Past: Farm to Table
    - iii. Friday, August 15 at 6 p.m. – Taste of the Past: Bicentennial
    - iv. Saturday, September 20 at 10 a.m. – Archeology Day at the Battlefield
    - v. TBD – Show and Tell Speed Rounds: Bicentennial Authors
- 6. 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 has a list of authors that have said they would like to participate. She will start working on scheduling a date and getting the program together.
  - c. Selfie Bingo
    - i. Claire and Brooke are working on a potential sponsorship. This sponsorship would help with the cost of advertising and prizes.
    - ii. Selfie Bingo will officially run May 24-June 29. Winners of the grand prize baskets will be drawn on June 30.
  - d. Social Media trivia
    - i. Claire began posting trivia questions, but can always use more. Please email her with anything you think is usable.
- 7. Bicentennial Walking Tours Subcommittee
  - a. The next committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

#### Committee Task List

- Brooke and Claire will make final edits to bingo card
- Cassie will contact businesses featured on bingo card to notify them and ask for donations.
- All committee members will continue to brainstorm July-September programs

#### **Publications Committee**

Publications Committee will resume meeting in May. Tentative date for the first meeting is Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Time TBD. Pending projects include the Kriebel books, Mary Anthropol's work and review of the various tracts being offered at the Battlefield.



### 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

## 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  
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  
Jillian White

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  
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  
Mónica Casanova

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  
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 \*  
Jeff Schwab \*

Cassie Apuzzo  
Rosanne Altstatt

Pete Bill  
Trey Gorden

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