

**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, May 20, 2025
HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM**

Members of the Board (total: 22 – quorum: 11)

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

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.

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

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Minutes from April 24, 2025 Board meeting – *Pages 4-6*
- Officers' reports and business
 - President – *Page 7*
 - Board member resignation
 - Strategic Planning Committees
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer – *Pages 8-9*
- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle – *Page 12*
 - We will be closed for Memorial Day (except Battlefield) and Juneteenth
 - Still need volunteers upcoming dinners and Bicentennial Memorial Day weekend
 - Acquired new office furniture and storage racks from YWCA building closing
- Battlefield Museum Report – Trey Gorden – *Page 11*
 - Visitor numbers are up from last month.
 - Lion's Club Community Day and the Battlefield a great success!
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 12*
 - Next newsletter due June 13
 - Member Tour at Ouiatenon June 12 and 14
 - Member Bicentennial perks: Wolf Park & Flora candle all year, McCord Candies just May
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 13-14*
 - Please arrange times with Kelly if you need to research historic files (including TCHA's)
 - Recalled loan with the 1852 Foundation
 - Bicentennial traveling exhibits recently at Westminster and WLPL
 - Need to vote on deaccession Items
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report – Brooke Sauter – *Page 15*
 - Pole cutting moved to May 31st
 - Working on lining up food booth and performers
 - Merchandise for this year being developed
- Notes from Committees – *Pages 16-21*
- Any Other Business
- **END AGENDA**

Minutes for April 22, 2025
TCHA Board of Governors Meeting
In Person at the History Center and Online via Zoom

Board President Jeff Schwab called the April 22, 2025, meeting of the TCHA Board of Governors to order at 5:06 pm at The Arganbright Genealogy Center, Lafayette.

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

Roseanne Alstatt, Ashima Krishna Tara Raber attended online.

Governors who were not present in-person or online were Colby Bartlet Del Bartlett, Monica Casanova, Walt Griffin, David Hovde, Quentin Robinson, Bridget Slack, and John F. Thieme.

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

The Minutes of the March 25, Board Meeting were presented and approved by voice vote after a motion from Dave Sattler and Jeremy Spann.

President Schwab distributed a **Strategic Planning Worksheet** draft developed at a special several-hour board meeting on Saturday, April 12 (see attached).

The Worksheet sets out five Goals with Strategies and initial Action Steps, calling on the Board to develop a five-year Strategic Plan with the Tentative Schedule (which see). President Schwab asked that each board member serve on at least one committee.

The tentative schedule for our Strategic Plans states our Board will be to have a preliminary Strategic Plan to present to the membership at the January 2026 Annual meeting.

The Vice President had nothing to report.

The Secretary had nothing additional to report.

The Treasurer presented her Report (see attached), drawing our attention to the Operating Cash less current obligations balance.

And she drew our attention to the loss shown for TCHA's investments, reflecting the economic turbulence the nation is now experiencing.

TCHA's total income compared to budget continues to be positive as is the net operating balance compared to the balance as of March 31, 2025.

The Board voted to transfer funds from the TCHA Operating Budget upon a motion from Todd White seconded by Whitney Walton:

- \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be invested in the TCHA Endowment,
- \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be invested in the Feast Rainy Day Fund,
- \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be invested in the newly titled Maintenance Reserve Fund (formerly titled the Emergency Maintenance Fund).
- The same approved motion requires that \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) be held in the Operating Fund for use in implementing the Strategic Plan as needed.

Claire Eagle presented the **Executive Director's Report** (see attached). She reported on the ongoing insurance matter from the 2025 Annual Meeting, the positive movement of the Bicentennial book with Purdue Press and invited us to take part in TCHA's celebration of volunteers (with snacks and goodies!) during National Volunteer Week April 21-2.

She noted that Audrey Johnson's talents will be showcased at the Momon and Bicentennial "Taste of the past Dinners".

She also told us she is seeking volunteers to help with the TCHA booth celebrating the Bicentennial at Columbian Park; several board members volunteered to help.

Trey Gordan reviewed his written report for the **Battlefield Museum** (see attached), noting visitors have increased since last month. The Battlefield staff are preparing for Lion's Club Community Day at the Battlefield, May 10.

He thanked Robbie Alford, Battlefield Park Property Manager for his work as "an incredible partner" with TCHA for many years; Mr. Alford will be moving on to another position at Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation; he will be succeeded by Joe Haller.

Kelly Lippie reported for the **Membership Committee** (see attached).

Kelly Lippie reported for the **Collections Department** (see attached), noting many Bicentennial exhibits and activities as well as a trip to review potential donations of documents to TCHA. Her visit, with other members of the TCHA staff, to the Putnam County Museum, offered an eye-opening behind-the-scenes tour of that facility.

She offered a list of fourteen (14) items that the Collections Committee recommend for de-acquisition. After descriptions of the items by Ms. Lippe, a motion was made by Jeremy Spann, seconded by Jeff Burnworth, the Board voted to move forward with removing those items from the TCHA collections.

Amy Harbor presented the **Librarian's Report** (see attached). She invited us to the Spring Greenbush cemetery tour on May 3 and noted the work the library offered the community since our last board meeting.

Brooke Sauter reported for the **Feast of the Hunter's Moon Committee** on planning for the Feast scheduled for October. She noted Indiana Humanities approved TCHA's request to support the Miami of Oklahoma joining us once again at this year's Feast. Speaking of the current turbulent climate for not-for-profit organizations in Indiana, she urged us to support Indiana Humanities as they work to find new sources of financial support; Indiana Humanities is a longtime partner of TCHA.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS were reviewed (see attached).

Ms. Sauter reported for the **Development Membership Committee** noting that work on the 1825 Campaign and the Annual Appeal Letter are both on schedule.

The **Facilities Committee** offered a nearly three-page report on their work with TCHA buildings and properties (see attached). Attention was given to budget items (the Committee is under budget for the year), grants from the IHC, NCHS and the Greater Lafayette Community Foundation; work done / needed at Argenbright, the History Center, the Fort, and at the Battlefield.

Trey Gorden reported for the **Historic Markers Committee** which is moving forward with the existing historical marker remembering "Scott's Expedition Against the Wea" and a new William Digby marker.

Kory Cooper reported that the **Ouiatenon Preserve Committee** will meet in May.

Claire Eagle reported for the **Program Committee**. ED Eagle noted the Committee's work with regular TCHA programing into the third quarter of the year 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 and Taste of the Past dinners.

Jeff Schwab, now co-chair, reported for **the Publications Committee**. The committee plans to meet in May to take up projects including reissuing the Bob Kriebel books, possible publication of Mary Anthrop's local history work and a review of various pamphlets for sale at the Battlefield bookstore.

There being no further business, Board members Whitney Walton and Dave Sattler moved adjournment. The Board adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Schenkel, TCHA Board Secretary

President's Report
Jeff Schwab
May, 2025

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

Jeff Burnworth
Walt Griffin
Ashima Krishna
Dave Sattler
Bridget Slack
Jeremy Spann
Kelly Lippie

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

Lorita Bill
Tara Raber
Nick Schenkel
John Thieme
Todd White

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

Rosanne Altstatt
Kory Cooper
Quentin Robinson
Nick Schenkel
Kelly Lippie

Goal 4: Staff and Volunteer Capacity

Cassie Apuzzo
Colby Bartlett
Jeff Burnworth
Whitney Walton

Goal 5: Board Involvement and Talent

Del Bartlett
Pete Bill
David Hovde
Jeff Schwab
Jillian White

Treasurer's Report
Lorita Bill
May, 2025

Tippecanoe County Historical Association					
Selected Accounts					
	This Year	Last Month	Change from	Last Year	Change from
	4/30/2025	3/31/2025	Last Month	4/30/2024	Last Year
Operating Bank Accounts					
Petty Cash	568.48	568.48	-	572.17	(3.69)
First Merchants Checking .01%	33,664.80	74,885.87	(41,221.07)	32,932.38	732.42
First Merchants Operating MM 3%	370,395.41	384,388.59	(13,993.18)	327,891.73	42,503.68
First Merchants Operating MM 3%- Strategic Plan	25,000.00	-	25,000.00		25,000.00
Undeposited Funds	-	822.85	(822.85)	850.89	(850.89)
	429,628.69	460,665.79	(31,037.10)	362,247.17	67,381.52
Current Obligations & Receivables					
Accounts Payable	(7,372.21)	(13,973.77)	6,601.56	(6,430.42)	(941.79)
Credit Card	(3,684.00)	(1,842.59)	(1,841.41)	(1,110.52)	(2,573.48)
Grant Money Receivable	-	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)
	(78,869.77)	(39,989.92)	(38,879.85)	(20,040.94)	(58,828.83)
Operating Cash Less Current Obligations	350,758.92	420,675.87	(69,916.95)	342,206.23	8,552.69
Other Restricted and Designated Accounts					
Maintenance Reserve MM 3%	53,387.54	53,256.25	131.29	32,455.05	20,932.49
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 3%	124,920.06	124,889.83	30.23	106,054.51	18,865.55
Feast Rainy Day CD 4.33%	109,903.48	109,513.73	389.75	104,886.85	5,016.63
Total Other Restricted and Designated Accounts	288,211.08	287,659.81	551.27	243,396.41	44,814.67
Investment Accounts	3/31/2025	12/31/2024	Change 2025	Distributions	Gain (Loss)
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
Total Investments	1,924,953.81	1,963,294.50	(38,340.69)	22,808.92	(15,531.77)
*Investments are updated quarterly					
*We transferred \$50,000 to the TCHA Trust on 4-25-25					
*Feast Rainy Day CD 4.33% was renewed on 5-8-25 at 3.99% for nine months. We also added \$50,000 of new money.					

Tippecanoe County Historical Association					
Budget vs. Actuals: 2025					
	For the Four Months Ended April 30, 2025				
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
Income					
Grant Operating	-	-	-		
Contributions	40,508.69	39,336.00	1,172.69		
Museum Store Sales	7,231.12	9,050.00	(1,818.88)		
Library Revenue	1,298.40	840.00	458.40		
Membership Dues	9,430.00	7,715.00	1,715.00		
Programs & Education	26,149.00	7,900.00	18,249.00	Sponsorships	
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	25,411.00	8,150.00	17,261.00	Sponsorships	
Total Income	110,028.21	72,991.00	37,037.21		
Cost of Goods Sold	2,885.49	4,075.00	(1,189.51)		
Gross Profit	107,142.72	68,916.00	38,226.72		
Expenses					
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	80,672.55	81,646.00	(973.45)		
Administrative Expenses	3,862.11	3,644.00	218.11		
Contract Services					
Administrative	7,472.42	7,750.00	(277.58)		
Equipment & Supplies	1,071.76	1,682.00	(610.24)		
Collections, Exhibits & Library	2,138.95	2,789.00	(650.05)		
Museum Store Expenses	213.81	330.00	(116.19)		
Insurance and Taxes	6,712.37	7,000.00	(287.63)		
Repairs & Maintenance	9,747.78	12,509.00	(2,761.22)		
Contractual Services -					
Facilities	1,212.23	1,336.00	(123.77)		
Utilities	14,904.05	16,404.00	(1,499.95)		
Membership Expenses	535.00	975.00	(440.00)		
Fundraising Expense	-	-	-		
Feast Expenses	13,427.99	12,734.00	693.99		
Programs & Education					
Expense	4,222.43	2,495.00	1,727.43		
Total Expenses	146,193.45	151,294.00	(5,100.55)		
Net Operating Income	(39,050.73)	(82,378.00)	43,327.27	Last Month \$47,856	
Other Income (Expense)					
Grants - Nonoperating	-	-	-		
Rents	2,800.00	2,400.00	400.00		
Other	150.00	-	150.00		
Interest	7,335.70	4,000.00	3,335.70		
Investment Income					
(distribution only)	22,808.92	23,125.00	(316.08)		
Depreciation	(24,080.00)	(24,080.00)	-		
Total Other Income (Expense)	9,014.62	5,445.00	3,569.62		
Net Income (Before Investment					
Gains (Losses))	(30,036.11)	(76,933.00)	46,896.89		

Executive Director Report
Claire Eagle
May 2025

Administration

- Continuing to work through the publication process for the Bicentennial Book. Still targeting a September 1 publication date.
- TCHA Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 and Thursday, June 19 for Memorial Day and Juneteenth respectively. The Battlefield will be open for Memorial Day, but closed on Juneteenth.
- I attended training through the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (Indiana University) at the beginning of the month. I learned a lot and am excited to put it into practice.
- I participated in a focus group last week for the Greater Lafayette READI Region as they embark on an Arts and Culture planning process. There is a public community workshop session for Tippecanoe County this Thursday, May 22, 5:30–7:00 p.m. at the Community Room in the Public Safety Center Building (601 Columbia Street). The workshop will start with a brief presentation to introduce the planning process and its goals, then transition to a series of interactive activities that enable participants to: Share their perspectives on the current state of art and culture in the region, identify priorities and opportunities for future development, and contribute ideas for specific projects and initiatives.

Programs

- We're looking for volunteers for our Taste of the Past dinners! Please sign up here: bit.ly/TasteofthePast2025
- A reminder that Memorial Day 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. We still have a couple shifts available on Sunday and Monday. You can sign up for a shift here: bit.ly/BicentennialCelebration
- We've added a summer living history event to our schedule. Tom Wojcinski and his group will present Fête de St Jean le Baptiste including the usual games and festival activities from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 21.
- Kelly and I will be attending the Greater Lafayette Juneteenth Celebration on June 21st from 12-4 p.m. We could use another volunteer, if anyone would like to join!
- Please see the notes from our last Program Committee meeting for more information.

Facilities

- The History Center's boiler has been turned off for the season.
- I am working with ICU Mechanical to set up a new preventative maintenance plan with them for our HVAC. We are working to move away from Blue Fox and use ICU going forward.
- Big thanks to Jeff Burnworth, Jeremy Spann and Kelly for helping me rearrange my office including picking up the furniture from YWCA and taking apart the old stuff to recycle/trash.

Battlefield Museum Report
Trey Gorden
May 2025

- Visitor numbers are up from last month.
- Lion's Club Community Day and the Battlefield a great success!
- Robbie Alford leaving the battlefield

Attendance was pretty good this month, despite the short period. From April 21 until May 16, we had **742** visitors, which is a whopping 155 more than last month's also respectable 587 for the same period (final monthly total 671), but 269 fewer folks than the (frankly off-the-scale) 1011 from the same period last year (final monthly total 1212). Since this doesn't include the weekend, these numbers will certainly go up.

Our Lion's Club Community Day at the Battlefield was a wonderful success. We had about 102 people go through the museum, and almost certainly more than that outside eating impressively delicious hotdogs, talking to the reenactors, and walking the battlefield, either with or without me.

Feast ordering continues apace.

Membership Report
Kelly Lippie
May 2025

- Next newsletter due June 13
- Member Tour at Ouataton June 12 and 14
- Member Bicentennial perks
 - o Wolf Park & Flora candle all year
 - o McCord Candies just May

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of March 21	Total as of April 17	Total as of May 12
Individual (\$35)	Annual	58	58	57
Senior Individual (\$30)	Annual	84	81	81
Senior Couple (\$40)	Annual	117	115	116
Family (\$50)	Annual	64	58	57
Patron (\$100)	Annual	70	70	66
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	20	19	19
Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	6	6	6
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	3	4	4
Lifetime	Lifetime	28	28	28
Total Memberships		450	439	434

22 new memberships in 2025

TCHA Collection Department Report

Kelly Lippie

May 2025

- If you want to research in TCHA's historic files (including TCHA's own archives and digital records); please contact Kelly to arrange a time.
- Recalled loan with the 1852 Foundation (artifacts from Fowler House excavations) and materials were collected and returned to TCHA on May 14.
- Bicentennial traveling exhibits still being shown around town. Recently at Westminster and West Lafayette Public Library.
- Serving on the committee for Bicentennial Walking Tours- researching tour material for cemetery tour, photography tour, Columbian park tour.
- Working on exhibits for Lafayette Bicentennial Costume Ball and Monon themed Taste of the Past dinner.
- Collected historic records from the YWCA. County surveyor's office donated & delivered historic aerial photographs and maps.
- Received J.J. Perrin portrait donation that was made back in 2021, but the donor was unable to deliver it until now.
- Researched Battlefield Chapel ownership.
- Met with Union Township Trustee about an exhibit they are working on.
- Spoke about collection at the Klondike Alumni Banquet.
- Attended webinar on Creating Signage and Graphics When You're Not a Graphic Designer.
- Researchers in to study: Union Township, Boy Scouts, Frederick Douglas, historic music for the Taste of the Past dinners.

Collections Committee met on May 7th. 6 new accessions created.

BOARD ACTION NEEDED:

Items recommended by the Collections Committee for Deaccession:

Accession #	Description	Comments/ Reason	Source	Disposal Method
75-55	1840 Census microfilm reels for Decatur, DeKalb, Delaware, Dubois, Elkhart, Fayette, Hancock, Harrison, Hendriks and Jay Counties	Out of Scope	Mildred Paarlberg, 1975	Donation
75-55	1850 Census microfilm reels for Bartholomew, Benton, Franklin, Randolph, Rush, Scott and Wayne Counties	Out of Scope	Mildred Paarlberg, 1975	Donation
75-55	1860 Census microfilm reels for Graves and Grayson Counties	Out of Scope	Mildred Paarlberg, 1975	Donation

	(Kentucky); Bartholomew and Benton Co, IN.			
75-55	1870 Census microfilm reels for Blackford, Boone, Brown, Carroll, Cass, Clinton and Know Counties.	Out of Scope	Mildred Paarlberg, 1975	Donation
83.045.1 & .02	1840 and 1870 Decatur County Census microfilm reels.	Out of Scope	Charles Kirkpatrick, 1983	Donation
83.116	Census Microfilm for Butler County, OH	Out of Scope	Rosemary Lawson, 1983	Donation
84.014	3 microfilm reels for Warren County OH and Grant County, IN	Out of Scope	Rosemary Lawson, 1984	Donation
85.001.10- .16 & .27 & .28	1910 and 1820 Census microfilm for Bartholomew, Benton, Brown, Blackford, Clay, Clinton, Floyd, Fountain, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Posey, Pulaski, Warren, Putnam and more Counties.	Out of Scope	TIPCOA, 1985	Donation
86.001.17- .28	1840 Census microfilm rolls for non- Tippecanoe Indiana Counties.	Out of Scope.	TIPCOA, 1986	Donation
87.001.01- .09	1840 Census microfilm for non- Tippecanoe Indiana counties.	Out of Scope	TIPCOA, 1987	Donation

Note: TCHA is keeping Tippecanoe County census microfilm. Over 200 un-accessioned microfilm rolls were removed from the collection by the Collections Committee.

Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report
Brooke Sauter
May 2025

The prep for the Feast is moving right along. While we ended up cancelling our April pole-cutting event due to rain, we are rescheduled to May 31 with a rain date of June 7. The more hands the better - we would love your assistance! We will meet at 9a at the Tippecanoe Battlefield and travel together to Prophetstown State Park to cut.

Beyond this - we have a Feast Committee meeting on May 21. I am working diligently on processing applications and getting folks registered for the event. Chef Lauren and I are also working closely with food booth chairfolks. Believe it or not, we have already had two booths turn in their paperwork and begin the process of ordering items for their booth for the event! Plus, other discussions taking place with booths to help them along. The same can be said for program performers. I checked in with performers on their status and interest in participating in the 2025 event. I am planning to get contracts to performers by the end of May to begin the process of receiving their confirmations.

The "grounds folks" - Jeff B, Jeff S, and many volunteers have already had a works session at the grounds to work on organizing the barn and preparing for set up come fall.

Merch is in progress with United State of Indiana and Diana May (potter). We are also communicating with sponsors, applying for funds through grants and other sponsorships, and talking with media partners about promotional plans for 2025.

Other Committee Reports

May 2025

Development & Membership Committee

Big news - the 1825 Campaign is underway! We are raising funds the entire month of May, with the first \$1,825 (total) to be matched by Keller Williams Lafayette Success group. We are THRILLED to share that this goal has been met. But we are still raising funds through the end of the month.

The Annual Appeal letter has been drafted with a target send date of July. The Committee is working to enact the Development Plan throughout the year. We are also looking forward to the Memorial Day Columbian Park Pop Up Exhibit being a part of the Bicentennial celebrations, and are hoping folks feel moved to give in honor of Lafayette's "birthday". The group also discussed plans for what should be added to the newsletter that will be going out next month (articles are due to Kelly or Brooke by June 13! Don't delay!), as well as discussed plans for a membership appreciation event. While we did an ice cream social last year, it was discussed we may do hot cocoa, and discussed participating in the Lafayette Christmas twilight parade.

Facilities Committee

FINANCES

- Are ahead of budgeted allocated for Repairs and Maintenance by \$2761.22
Contractual services are mostly on track at \$123.77 ahead of allocated budget
Utilities are also \$1499.94 ahead of allocated budget
Total \$4384.93 net income ahead of allocated budget
- ICU charged us only \$2599.51 for History Center A/C repair which was under the estimate previously quoted
Kone charged us \$639.00

GRANTS

- SIA – grant request for railing for auditorium.
Haven't heard from SIA yet. Will hear from them by June 15. Haven't heard from our insurance company (Cincinnati Insurance) on coverage for injuries sustained by attendee at the Annual Meeting (the reason for the railing). Could apply to NCHS for railing funding if don't hear from SIA but timing for preliminary request to NCHS is very close to June 15 when supposedly will hear back from SIA. Could apply for a NOW grant if SIA falls through.
- Community Foundation - lighting upgrades in History Center.
- NCHS – emergency management system.
Equipment has been ordered, equipment will be delivered to TEMA and they will get it out to the Fort. Main siren will be in the center area near old well house (not at the block house) and permanently mounted. Waiting on an updated quote from Marty (TEMA) for cost of installation. During Feast we plug in 4 "boxes" to activate the system. If we have to do a voice announcement other than pre-programmed ones, there is a microphone on the main unit to do that. Can make our own pre-recordings if we want so they can be announced by push of a button instead of speaking into a microphone.

ARGANBRIGHT

- Kelly and Claire will get flowers for the grounds at Arganbright. Carolyn was putting down mulch in the flower beds
- Kelly contacted Lafayette Monuments and Allen Monuments to see about renting equipment to move large items from backyard boneyard behind Arganbright to other areas around Arganbright. Still waiting to hear.
- Got in new furniture for offices. YWCA is closing ... able to get some desk furniture, chairs, carpet, and 5 metal shelves for HC basement all for free. We also took YWCA materials for archiving at TCHA and that was how we got the furniture for free. There is a written agreement with YWCA codifying this swap.
- Arganbright has one more light that needs to be replaced in the break room. Jeff Burnworth and Jeff Schwab had replaced one of the lights but still need to replace the other one (we have the light).
- No progress on getting window UV blocking tinting for the new window. Claire will contact sources suggested in the April Facilities Committee meeting.
- The committee was in favor of getting a maintenance agreement for Arganbright to replace filters and routine maintenance (in conjunction with History Center?). Claire to do.
- Brush pile at Arganbright parking lot was removed by city. Required a couple of trips to get it all. People who cut down brush on the hillside are continuing to cut more brush and are starting to create a second brush pile.

HISTORY CENTER

- What is the cost to turn off boiler by Blue Fox? Has not been done yet. Some discussion about switching to a different boiler service provider. Generally committee in favor of doing that. Left to Claire.
- Jeff Schwab is working on weed control for the planters on Columbia St. side of building.
- “Bulging wall” in auditorium reported by the church group was just warped panel covering the wall. The block wall behind the paneling was not wet and showed no signs of bowing. The paneling likely popped out because panels are tight against each other allowing no room for expansion. No real intervention is needed. Bill suggested could trim the panel to get it to not bow out anymore.
- City’s alley mural beautification project.
Lights are being chosen by the city’s project committee for illuminating murals. No decision has been made on the nature of the mural or its specific location in our alley.
- No update on HVAC system refurbishment. Waiting on quote from ICU still that should be arriving soon.

- Filters need to be replaced as part of annual maintenance at the History Center. Filters are for both the downstairs and main floor air handlers. Claire to do?

BATTLEFIELD

- Committee walked through museum and shop to evaluate the state of the facility first hand.
- Walls need to be painted in Museum tour area and carpets cleaned. (Claire?) Carpet condition doesn't look too bad, but cleaning will help slow deterioration due to dirt grinding into the carpet fibers by foot traffic.
- Generally felt that the museum needed a complete update and revision. Discussion about bringing in museum consultants. This is something that might be done if the Strategic Plan currently being done identifies the museum revision as a high priority project.
- Kelly reported that an Intern project this summer will be to replace the old labels on walls of the walk-through museum. Need to coordinate replacement of vinyl signage with painting of walls.

FORT

- Jeff Burnworth says we already have all materials needed to repair the Feast Barn.
- All materials have been acquired to do refurbishment of Blockhouse. Will use a sanded grout on the blockhouse.

OTHER

- Truck needs an oil change (Trey?). There have been no problems with battery going dead because truck is now being driven quite often.

Historic Markers Committee

Sally Carter announced that she will be resigning from the Historical Markers Committee to open up space in her list of commitments. We're going to very much miss having her on the team. She's been a constant source of great ideas and sober practicality during her tenure with us. She continues her contributions to TCHA in other volunteer capacities. She's also extremely active in several other local non-profits and makes this community better for all of us every day through the work she does. We're all looking forward to our future opportunities to work with Sally elsewhere in the organization.

Based on recent conversations with State staff members in Indianapolis, there is some concern that the state agency that oversees Historical Markers might become a victim of the recent staff-cutting spree in government. Sharron is looking into this further.

We have determined that the "Major General Joseph J. Reynolds" marker in the boneyard contains false information and needs to be disposed of. We are looking into the best way to do this. Oscar Winski is the most obvious choice, but we'd welcome any other ideas you might have.

Online Portal Project:

Jonathan Lipps is looking into designing an online system to facilitate the recording of database updates, which have already begun in earnest.

William Digby Marker Project:

We are still awaiting state approval so that we can move forward with this project. Rosanne is continuing to work with Monica Casanova.

Scott's Expedition Against the Wea Project:

Jonathan Lipps was awaiting a call from Sewah about repairing the cradle for the marker we currently have in the boneyard.

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

Program Committee

Members present: Cassie Apuzzo, Claire Eagle, Amy Harbor, David Hovde, Bridget Slack and Whitney Walton

Other members: Leslie Martin Conwell, Walt Griffin, Quentin Robinson, Brooke Sauter and Jan Young

1. Committee Task List Review
 - ✓ 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. (Claire just got the final version of the bingo card to Cassie. She will work on it now)
 - ✓ All committee members will continue to brainstorm July-September programs
2. Previous Program Review
 - a. Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. – Downtown Houses of Worship Part 2: Over sold at 27
 - b. Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. – School of the Artifact: Beads
 - c. Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. – Greenbush Cemetery Tour: 119 attendees
 - d. Saturday, May 10 – Battle Ground Lions Club Community Day: 100+ attendees
3. Plan for Upcoming Programs
 - a. Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. – An Untrammelled Voice: Jack Lillard and The Informer, Lafayette's Black Newspaper
 - i. Claire will be out of town. Jeff Schwab will handle tech. Email and social media reminders have already gone out.
 - b. Saturday, May 24-Sunday, June 29 – Selfie Bingo: Bicentennial Edition
 - c. Saturday, May 24-Monday, May 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Memorial Day Weekend Bicentennial Celebration
 - i. Still have a few open shifts on Sunday and Monday. Please sign up here if you are able to work one: bit.ly/BicentennialCelebration
 - d. Friday, June 6 at 6 p.m. – A Taste of the Past: Dinner on the Monon Rail Line
 - i. Only a few tickets remain. Still looking for volunteers to serve and wash dishes. If you are able, please sign up here: bit.ly/TasteofthePast2025
4. 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 would like to do one or two more lecture programs to round the schedule out. Claire is speaking with Pete to see if there is anything he would like to present.
 - 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 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Archeology Day at the Battlefield
 - v. TBD – Show and Tell Speed Rounds: Bicentennial Authors
 - vi. Living History event?
 - 1. Claire has reached out to Tom to see if his group is interested in a late summer event. She has not heard back yet.
- 5. Bicentennial Programs
 - a. Bicentennial Walking Tour Series
 - i. The three tours held so far have been very successful. The subcommittee met last week to discuss the fall schedule. We will take August off and plan to have at least two more tours in September and October.
 - b. Show and Tell speed rounds with Bicentennial Book authors
 - i. Claire is working on scheduling the program on a day that works for the authors invited.
 - c. Selfie Bingo
 - d. Social Media trivia
 - i. Claire began posting trivia questions, but can always use more. Please email her with anything you think is usable.

Committee Task List

- Cassie will contact businesses featured on bingo card to notify them and ask for donations.
- Committee members working on gathering donations for selfie bingo prizes will revisit open asks.
- All committee members will continue to brainstorm July-September programs

Publications Committee

- Discussion on what the end result of publication reviews should be. Printable books, e-books, downloads? General agreement that in most cases we will not be looking at items that would create any significant revenue stream.
- Pete Bill to work on list of criteria for evaluating items that we may want to review and/or update and help us decide how to use our resources to best fulfill TCHA's mission.
- Discussion on various items that we have as possibilities
 - Mary Anthrop collection
 - Kriebel volumes, published and unpublished
 - Under the Stones
 - Items at the Battlefield
 - Battlefield Book
 - Winter Books
 - Ouatatonon Cookbook

- 1878 Atlas
 - Others TBD
- Manuscripts on file at TCHA
- Jeff Schwab to work on developing list of what possibilities we have
- Meetings to continue on second Wednesday at 3pm – Next Meeting June 11th.

2025 BOARD OF GOVERNORS TERMS (3 Year Terms)

Name	Term Ends (Annual Mtg. Jan/Feb)
Rosanne Alstsatt	December 2026 (January 2027)
Cassandra Apuzzo	December 2026 (January 2027)
Colby Bartlett	December 2026 (January 2027)
Del Bartlett	December 2027 (January 2028)
Lorita Bill	December 2026 (January 2027)
Pete Bill	December 2025 (January 2026)
Jeff Burnworth	December 2026 (January 2027)
H. Kory Cooper	December 2027 (January 2028)
Walt Griffin	December 2025 (January 2026)
David Hovde	December 2025 (January 2026)
Ashima Krishna	December 2027 (January 2028)
Tara Raber	December 2026 (January 2027)
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
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
Pete Bill

Mary Fisher
Sam Haughey
Brian Hawn
Erin Hicks

Lauren Reed
Matt Riebsomer
Jackie Schmidt
Sheri Sondgerath

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

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

Scott Stambaugh
Andy Wall
Joyce Wiegand
Logan York
Bill Young
Jan Young

Historic Markers Committee

Trey Gorden *
Rosanne Altstatt
Del Bartlett
Bridget Slack

Other Members:
Pam Barnard
Sally Carter
Phyllis Dotson

Jonathan Lipps
Duane Mantick
Linda Swihart

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

Kory Cooper *
Del Bartlett
David Hovde

Ashima Krishna
Other Members:
Leslie Martin Conwell

Phyllis Dotson
Colby Bartlett (non-voting)

Program Advisory Committee

Claire Eagle *
Cassie Apuzzo
Pete Bill
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