

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on May 9, 2019.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Tom Cullum, Vice President of the Friends of the Working Men's Institute Taylor Horsley, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap.

Minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting had been sent out electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

Treasurers Report was given by Connie Weinzapfel. Mr. Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Mrs. Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

Taylor Horsley gave the Friends of the WMI report. The First FWMI lecture, "Blacksmith by Trade" presented by Rebecca Brummett was a success with 30 patrons in attendance. Bradley Smith will be on hand May 21st at 6:30 p.m. to present his lecture on his work with the Nature Conservancy. The 2020 Lecture series is already being discussed. These lectures will honor Women and the 100th anniversary of Women's Rights. A Saturday Matinee is discussion. These matinees would be held here at the WMI. The next meeting will be May 15th followed by the Annual Meeting on May 21st.

In old business, the Reading Room repairs are finished. The final cost of \$14,000 was \$5,000 more than expected. Josh Lamb will return at some point to finish some minor details. The board was reminded there is one opening in Membership.

In new business, Chris Koester will be starting the painting of the windows soon. Connie Weinzapfel suggested doing a possible paint analysis and volunteered to contact Stewart Sebree. It was also suggested that the fence needs repair. H and F Refrigeration was here and turned on our Air Conditioning. It was discussed about moving financial accounts from Fifth-Third Bank to a different Bank depending on the State Board of Accounts and Indiana Code. It was suggested to use Heritage Federal Credit Union or Community State Bank.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made a motion to accept the claims. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report May 9, 2019

The Reading Room is done! Josh Lamb was here Monday April 23rd and completed the installation of the lights. He has a few small things to complete over the next few weeks but is done with the larger jobs. We are happy to be back up and running at full capacity.

Heritage Days was April 16th-18th with 1163 children and adults. The rope making demonstration went well! We would like to thank Fred and Janey Frayser for volunteering during this event.

Kritika Soni presented "Fabric of Decay" on Thursday April 18th at 6:00 p.m. with 21 attendees. This was part of the New Harmony Clay Project.

The Hoosier Salon was here the week of April 23rd presenting an art workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Daniel Gerhartz presented a follow-up workshop for this event on Monday April 30th at 9 a.m.

Author and Radio Personality, Bill Clevlen, was here on Sunday April 28th. He had a short lecture and book signing promoting his new book "Driving Across America". There were 28 people in attendance.

Shakespeare on the Lawn will take place on Tuesday May 14th at 6:30 p.m. This year they will be presenting "12th Night" with a David Bowie theme.

The First of the "Useful Knowledge" Member Lectures will begin next week. Linda Warrum, Tom Cochran and Dan Busler have their presentations on May 16th.

Ron Richards and his team will be here May 27th- June 7th to continue their research and cataloging.

Our Summer Reading program kicks off on June 6th at 10:30 a.m. Flyers have been put up at local area businesses. This year the theme is "Universe of Stories". There are lots of fun and games planned for this six-week program. From alien slime to pool noodle light sabers.

I have scheduled two additional lectures for this Summer. Larry Rudisill will be presenting "History of Money and Currency Issues" on Thursday June 27th at 6:30 p.m. Kevin Valadares will be on hand July 24th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the "New Harmony Conversations".

Julia Beatty from Alexander, Thompson and Arnold is working on our tax return.