

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on March 17, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tom Cullum, Trustee Tamara Allison, President of the Friends of the WMI Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap.

Minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

Connie Weinzapfel then presented the Treasurer's Report. Tom Cullum moved to accept and hold for audit. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

### **FWMI**

- The brochures for the FWMI lecture series are completed. Attached to the brochures is a membership form.
- Our 2022 budget has been approved.
- We are planning to have our annual Chili Cook-off.
- We will have to provide one nights lodging for Cathy Grafton. It was suggested to inquire about the Scholars Retreat.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held prior to Rod Clarks lecture. Election of officers will be done at that time. Our slate of officers for 2022 is as follows: President Jeanne Maudlin, Vice-President Margaret Scherzinger, Treasurer Christine Crews, Secretary Bonnie Minnette.

### **Old Business**

- Roof update- Prior to the roofing company relining the gutters, Ms. Weinzapfel was able to view the sections of the roof that was rotted. There was evidence of several attempts to fix this problem with various materials that did not work. The finial on the tower was very rusty. It was decided to have a reproduction of the finial fabricated out of copper. It was speculated that the cost of these repairs would be around \$5,000. We have the extra \$10,000 available to use for these repairs. The old finial will be returned to the WMI. The speculated end date is May 20, 2022 but the supervisor on the project thinks they will complete the Roof Restoration ahead of schedule.
- The painting was not done correctly. We met with Tri-State painting, and they have agreed to fix the issue.
- Time Study-Mr. Maudlin has reviewed the time study that was conducted during the month of February. He made some particularly good suggestions that included adding a "Dreaming" session to our staff meetings.
- Kiwanis is nearing the end of their first \$1000 for the Kiwanis Story Time. Mrs. Allison requested another \$1000 from the Kiwanis to continue the program and was approved.

### **New Business**

- Long-Range Plan- To formalize the Long-Range Plan, chairperson Connie Weinzapfel would like to hire Steven Stump to facilitate a long-range planning exercise with the committee, the trustees, and the staff. This would take place in two meetings.
- Santa at WMI- Mr. Maudlin had received a complaint that when Santa was here during Christmas in New Harmony that we had too many patrons. It was mentioned that we would not host again Santa at the WMI again. The staff and Mr. Rokicki assured Mr. Maudlin that it was not an issue with the WMI staff and that the WMI is on board to host Santa in the future.
- Connie Weinzapfel suggested that the WMI provide a central calendar of events for the community.

**Director's Report** (see attached)

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report March 17, 2022

The "Know Your Community" lecture series began on Thursday March 3, 2022. Claire Eagle, Historic New Harmony's Interim Assistant Director, presented *Historic New Harmony: Inspiring Innovation and Progressive Thought*. We had twenty-seven patrons attend.

The next presenter in "Know Your Community" series will be Patty Beagle on April 6, 2022. She will explore the history of the Farmer's markets in Indiana, the evolution of local production of food, the requirements for participating in a farmers' market and highlights for the coming market season. You will learn who sells and what products are available through New Harmony's very own market. The presentation will end with a question-and-answer session detailing what it takes to participate in the market.

Peggy Taylor's "Woven Together" weaving classes began Friday March 11, 2022 and Tuesday March 15, 2022. These classes will be held for six weeks.

Kevin Valaderes was here today and presented "Mental Health First Aid."

Kiwanis Story Time will be held March 30, 2022 6:30 pm. Lois Gray will be reading "Wake up, Woods" by Michael Homoya. We currently have eighteen children registered for the event.