

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on July 21, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice-President Nathan Maudlin, Tamara Allison, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap and Director Ryan Rokicki. Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined by Zoom.

Minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Fred Frayser moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

Fred Frayser then presented the Treasurer's Report. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

FWMI – None

Old Business

- The two outstanding projects on the roof restoration are the painting of the upper windows and the replacement of the sidewalks. Sim's Painting has given a quote of \$21,330 for the painting of the windows. Larry Bergdorf was here last week and is preparing a quote for the sidewalk replacement. Mr. Maudlin suggested checking with the Town Hall about a program that would help with the replacement cost the sidewalk. Smither Roofing will be contributing to the replacement costs as well.

New Business

- Jim Brown was here and cleaned up the limb that had fallen in a recent storm. The limb fell into one of the dogwoods and it will need to be replaced. Mr. Frayser suggested that a tulip tree be put in its place. It was also suggested that Tom Guggenheim come analyze the area to see if it will be sufficient for that type of tree. Mr. Frayser would like to see peonies planted around the base of the new tree as well.
- Tamara Allison had suggestions that would improve the attendance of the poorly attended membership meetings. A "Something to Think About" area was a suggested add to the reminder post cards. This could be book suggestions, programming ideas, etc.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The passing Peggy Rapp was memorialized by the Board of Trustee's with a moment of silence after the adjournment of the meeting.

Director's Report July 21, 2022

The "Know Your Community" lecture series continued June 29, 2022 with Amy Koch from the Charles Ford Retirement Community speaking about the facility. There were 15 patrons in attendance.

Ken Back was our next presenter in the "Know Your Community" series. He was here July 13 and spoke about the Kiwanis Club. There were 16 patrons in attendance.

Kiwanis Story Time was held June 29 and 30. The two-night event brought a total of 10 children. Our next Kiwanis Story time will be held July 27 and 28. Ann Rains will be reading Wynken, Blynken and Nod. We have 12 children signed up for this event.

The annual Firefly Festival was held July 9. There were three events held here at the WMI.

The New Harmony Music Festival and School held a pop-up concert here at the WMI on July 15. There were 21 patrons in attendance.

Our summer reading program "Oceans of Possibilities" has been successfully completed for this year. Our last day was this morning. We had 3 children in attendance.

Jim Naas has been working on the irrigation system. There was some damage done to some of the sprinkler heads and lines from the heavy equipment that was on the lawn during the Roof restoration.

There was a limb that fell during an overnight storm July 7. Jim Brown was here and removed it the following day.

Josh Lamb will install our surge protection around the first of September.