

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

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

Minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Mrs. Allison moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Connie Weinzapfel. Mrs. Allison moved to accept and hold for audit. Ms. Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

#### Friends of the WMI

- President Jeanne Maudlin reported that the Friends organization is struggling. There have been issues obtaining a quorum at their meetings. The organization's board has discussed the possibility of disbanding. Three active Friends board members currently serve in the WMI membership. One of the three is to be a trustee. The Friends do not want this to happen but want the Board of Trustees to know that this is under discussion. President Fred Frayser asked to see a list of FWMI membership.

#### In Old Business

- Larry Bergdorf Concrete finished the replacement of the sidewalk. The letter written by Mr. Maudlin was sent to the Town. Jeff Smotherman responded in person to Ryan and pointed out that the town municipal code 12.04.010 stated that the Town of New Harmony "may" demolish and remove existing sidewalks. He also stated that though councilman Alvin Blaylock did not go directly to the town council, he did confer with the Town's sidewalk crew prior to making a decision.
- Ms. Weinzapfel and Ryan met with Adam Green and Danielle Bachant-Bell from Indiana Landmarks last week regarding the use of the wrong wood filler (Bondo) on the windows and to discuss solutions. It was decided to not remove the Bondo to avoid further damage but to request a discount on the invoice. Payment for this will be withheld until the problem is corrected. Adam will be speaking with Mark Beuchel of the National Park Service to discuss the products in more detail.

#### In New Business (None)

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Ms. Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Mrs. Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report November 17, 2022

Deb Burdick presented "Revisiting Posey People" Tuesday November 1, 2022. There were 29 patrons in attendance.

The final FWMI lecture of 2022 was held Thursday November 3, 2022. Forty patrons attended Peggy Taylor's "Craftsmanship, Excellence, Past and Present."

Dr. Beth Macke and Phillip Werry Presented "Having the Last Word" Tuesday November 16, 2022. There were 18 Patrons in attendance.

Tonight at 6:30 Norbert Krapf will hold a poetry reading at 6:30 p.m. He will be reading from his newest book of poetry "Spirit Sister Dance."

Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick were here October 30<sup>th</sup> -November 6<sup>th</sup> continuing the State Museum's Curatorial Outreach.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> I accompanied Janey Frayser to North Elementary School to read to Jennifer Kolley's pre-school class. It was a fun morning and I have been invited to continue this outreach.

As a part of the WMI outreach program, I went to Tech High School and taught the Junior Entrepreneurial class how to tie a necktie.

Christmas decorating will begin tomorrow evening.

Our Christmas open House will be Friday December 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Our 12 Stories of Christmas will be kicking off Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>. There will some new faces this year. If you would like to read, please contact Shannon.

We will be hosting Santa again this year at the Christmas in New Harmony Celebration. The NHBA will also be offering a "Candyland" on the lawn. This will consist of various arts and crafts and games for the kids while they wait to see Santa.

The sidewalk repair and replacement has been completed.

The Indiana Library Federation conference was earlier this week. Some of the sessions I attended were: The online place to be: How Libraries can use videos and Social Media to Promote your local history, Cataloging of special and unique materials, Great Expectations: what patrons expect from their libraries during the digital age, Digital Indy: the good the bad and the searching, to Dewey or not to Dewey: rethinking collection organization, Play and Practice: using play in the library and its effects on early literacy. The author that gave Tuesday keynote lecture was children and teen author Rob Harrell.

The Next Kiwanis Story Time will be December 22, 2022.