

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on January 20, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present. The meeting was then adjourned.

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

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

Minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison 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

- The 2022 FWMI Lecture series will begin May 1, 2022 with "The World of Whiskey" Presented by Rod Clark. August 4, 2022 Cathy Grafton will present a lecture about the Bayeux Tapestry. Peggy Taylor will of Raintree Cottage Textile School will present "Craftsmanship: Past and Present" on November 3, 2022.
- Our Keynote Speaker for our annual Fourth of July Celebration is Kent Schuette. Tom Stahl will read the Declaration.
- In 2021 the FWMI has contributed \$800.00 to the renovation of the staff bathroom, \$500.00 to the Roof Restoration Fund, \$750.00 for lodging of Randy Patrick and his team of researchers and \$1000.00 to Overdrive for the purchase of digital lending materials.

Old Business

- Roof update- The work on the roof is slated to begin February 23, 2022.

New Business

- Direct deposit for payroll -Nathan Maudlin made a motion to provide direct deposit of payroll for all employees. Tamara Allison Seconded. Approved.
- It was recommended that we should apply to become a Notary Public.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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.

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

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

Minutes of the March 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. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- Mr. Maudlin reported that FWMI President, Jeanne Maudlin, appreciates the opportunity to speak at the Quarterly Membership Meetings. They received three new members that evening.

Old Business-

- **Roof update-**The roof restoration is nearing completion. The slate crew will be done this week or early next week. The sheet metal installers still have a considerable amount of work to complete. The painting and touch-ups have not yet been completed. Adam Green looked at the issues with the painting and made note of the areas that needed attention.
- Tamara Allison presented some ideas for the use of the old roof tiles. She has used the tiles as a stepping-stone as well as a trivet. The tiles performed successfully under field-testing. These would be a limited-edition commemorative item sold for \$50 each. Ryan will explore how to incorporate an inscription or logo on the tiles.
- The reception for the completion of the Roof Restoration Project was set for June 3, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This will include refreshments and a slide show of the project's inception to its completion. It was suggested that an ad be put in the Posey County News.
- H.F. Refrigeration found two deficient water valves in the upstairs gallery unit when they came to switch over to air conditioning. The air handlers also require new actuators and linkages. The estimated price for these repairs will be between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to approve the needed repairs to the upstairs gallery air handler. Tamara Allison seconded the motion. Approved.
- The dedication for the sculpture in the back yard will take place this Saturday, April 23, 2022 at noon. Linda Volz was unsure if the ceremony would take place here at the WMI or at one of the other sculpture locations.

New Business-

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report April 21, 2022

The "Know Your Community" lecture series continued April 6, 2022. Patty Beagle presented a lecture that explored the history of the farmer's markets in Indiana, the evolution of local production of food, the requirements for participating in a farmer's market and highlights for the coming market season. The presentation ended with a question-and-answer session detailing what it takes to participate in the market. There were twenty-one patrons in attendance.

This year's New Harmony Farmer's and Artisan Market Presented by the WMI begins on Saturday May 14, 2022.

Our next lecture in the "Know Your Community" series will be May 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Kent Schuette will be speaking about the Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation.

Karen Moser, the 2021 recipient of the Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies, will present her lecture on May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. about how New Harmony women participated in the suffrage movement and how teenage girls today can be inspired by their stories. As part of this grant project, Ms. Moser has been collaborating with a group of teen girls. They have co-created a young women's group called "The Sunshine Club." This group meets every Saturday at the WMI from noon to 2:00 p.m.

The Hoosier Salon has made use of the Maclure Room for the Annual Plein Air workshops for First Brush of Spring.

Wednesday May 18, 2022 at 6:30 Rod Clark will present "The World of Whiskey," the First FWMI lecture of 2022.

We have two applicants for the Arlene "Lena" Feiner Research grant for Women's Studies.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on May 19, 2022.

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

Minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted.

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

FWMI- None

Old Business-

- **Roof update-**We had our final meeting with Smither Roofing on Tuesday. They are finished with the roof. There are some things left to do such as rock and repair on west side town right of way and in the back where the gate opens the concrete was pushed down into the ground from the heavy equipment. Adam Green wanted to get the towns approval before proceeding with these repairs. We can expect after the first snow or ice event that there will be slates that will break. We do have a two-year guarantee and will not be an additional cost there are any repairs needed to the slate roof. In our contract with Smither we had a \$10,000 allowance for rotten substrate in the roof and gutters. We exceeded the allowance, but they did not charge us for the overage. There will be a commemorative, framed plaque put in place that has lists the donors that gave \$50,000 to \$1,000 as well as a framed sample of the slate used on the roof. The reception for the completion of the roof is set for June 3, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

New Business-None

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report May 19, 2022

The "Know Your Community" lecture series continued May 11, 2022. Kent Schuette spoke about the Blaffer Foundation. There were thirty-six patrons in attendance. Our next lecture in this series will be June 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Amy Koch will be speaking about the Charles Ford Home.

This year's Farmer's Market Presented by the WMI began on Saturday May 14, 2022.

The 2021 recipient of the Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies, Karen Moser, presented her lecture *Teen Girls Then and Now: From the Minerva Society to the Sunshine Club* on May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. There were 32 Patrons in attendance.

Last night Rod Clark presented *The World of Whiskey*, the First FWMI lecture of 2022. There were fifty-two patrons in attendance.

May 25, 2022 will host dual programs here at the WMI. Vice President, Nathan Maudlin will make a special Memorial Day program about Utah Beach and the D-Day invasion. Kiwanis Storytime will also be held. Both programs begin at 6:30 pm.

Treasurer, Connie Weinzapfel will Present *France during Covid (or why I love the Frogs)* Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

This year's summer reading will begin Thursday June 9th at 10:30 a.m. The 2022 theme is oceanography with the slogan of *Oceans of Possibilities*.

I have spoken with Peggy Meyer. She hoping to continue with Story Time this fall if Covid numbers continue to stay low.

This weekend I will be getting updated drone footage of the completed roof.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on June 16, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tom Cullum, and Director Ryan Rokicki.

Minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted.

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

FWMI – None

Old Business-

Roof Update – The roof has been completed. The remaining related projects include the repairs to the sidewalks (for which Smither Roofing has accepted some responsibility), and the painting of the upper windows. Adam Green is still working with us to facilitate this work. Ms. Weinzapfel made the motion to use the remaining roof project funds to pay the costs of the sidewalk repairs and window painting, and then to reinvest \$50,000.00 in unspent monies back into the WMI's investment accounts. From that, a sufficient amount will be placed into the Jeanne Miller Fund to increase that fund to a total of \$210,000.00, while any remainder will be reinvested into other areas of our endowment. Seconded by Tom Cullum. Approved.

Long - Range Planning - Connie Weinzapfel and Ryan will continue to work with Steven Stump moving forward with the Long – Range Plan. The next step is to incorporate ongoing or incomplete elements of the existing LRP in the new plan.

New Business –

Irrigation System – Fred Frayser asked Ryan to contact Jim Naas about turning on the irrigation system.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum's motion to approve the claims was seconded by Connie Weinzapfel. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report June 16, 2022

The Selection Committee for the Lena Feiner Memorial Research Grant met at the beginning of the month to select this year's grant recipient. Arrianah Kubli, a PhD. candidate at the University of North Carolina was chosen for her proposed project, "New Harmony's Working-Class Readership of Women's Writing: A Study of Marginalia."

Nathan Maudlin's lecture, "Utah Beach and the D-Day Invasion" was attended by 34 patrons.

Connie Weinzapfel's lecture, "France During Covid: Or Why I Love the Frogs" was also had 34 people in attendance.

The June 3 open house to mark the completion of the roof restoration had 45 people in attendance. Special remarks were made by architect Adam Green, Russ Love of Smither Roofing, and project chairman Connie Weinzapfel. The donor plaque had been installed prior to the event. This was developed by Bippus Frame Shop with slate elements fabricated by Steven Warner of Smither Roofing.

The annual continuation of the State Museum's Curatorial Outreach to the WMI began on June 5 with the arrival of Randy and Deb Patrick. They will continue to catalog and identify specimens in our natural history collection. Peggy Fisherkeller had intended to resume her work as well but was sadly prevented from doing so due to Covid-19. We will look forward to a visit from her soon.

The Summer Reading Program, "Oceans of Possibilities" began today. Today's reading of "A Fish Out of Water" and the associated craft was attended by 10 children.

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, programing 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.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on August 18, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice-President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Tom Cullum, Trustee Tamara Allison, FWMI President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap

Minutes of the July 21, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted.

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

FWMI – The new shirts have been ordered. They are royal blue. We will be purchasing a new book cart to be used at the Farmers Market. There will be no Chili Cook-Off in October. We will have other fundraising opportunities. We will be paying the Janik family \$100 to set up the book sale. The Bayeux Tapestry lecture was wonderfully received by the public.

Old Business-none

New Business- There are three (3) open positions in Membership. Nathan Maudlin suggested the Sunshine Club contact NAMI.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the claims. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report August 18, 2022

Kiwanis Story Time was held July 28. We had 10 children in attendance. Our next story time will be held August 24 and 25. Suzy Schuette will be reading *Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel. We have 12 children signed up for this event.

Thursday August 4 the FWMI 2022 lecture Series resumed. Cathy Grafton presented *Threads of History: The Story of the Bayeux Tapestry*. There were 40 patrons in attendance.

Twelve members of The Cotterie Club was here last night for a tour.

Josh Lamb will be in next week to install our surge protection. This is sooner than anticipated.

On August 10th I had a budget workshop. We had a 5% growth quotient on our budget this year. The budget for 2023 will be \$283,200.

Brian Wolf has resigned from his landscaping duties due to health issues. Erik Janik has been hired to fill his position.

Peggy Taylor will host "Weaving from Start to Finish" August 25-27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The program is funded by a grant from the Indiana Arts commission. The supplies for the class will be provided for each registered person.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on September 22, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Secretary Tom Cullum, Trustee Tamara Allison, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined via Zoom.

The Budget Hearing for 2023 was called to order by Mr. Frayser. No members of the public were in attendance, so no questions were offered. Mr. Frayser then adjourned the Budget Hearing. Budget Adoption will be held October 18, 2022 at quarterly meeting.

Mr. Frayser then called the Trustees Meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Connie Weinzapfel. Tamara Allison moved to accept the report and hold it for audit. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

In old business

- Sims Painting began painting and repairing the windows on Tuesday. Ryan was up on the lift today and inspected the work. The difference in the quality of the work between Tri-State Painting and Sims was quite striking. Adam Green will be here on Monday to inspect the repairs and painting.
- I talked with Josh Lamb today about our Surge Protection. There are some supply chain issues and the installation has been postponed once again.

In new business

- Annual E-Rate Resolution- to be reimbursed by the State for the costs of our internet service, we are required to pass a resolution each year to "Join Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access." Tom Cullum made the motion for the Trustees to sign the Annual E-Rate Resolution. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.
- Due to a huge influx in visitors during Kunstfest it is requested that more staff or volunteers be present during festivals.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tamara Allison made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report September 22, 2022

Peggy Taylor held a beginning weaving class in the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge August 25, 26, and 27. This class was funded by a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission. There were eight (8) students in attendance. She will be offering another class beginning Thursday September 29, 0

Kiwanis Storytime was held Thursday August 28, 2022. We had eleven (11) children in attendance. The next Kiwanis Storytime will be held Thursday September 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Ken and Rose Back will be reading "The Tortoise and the Hare."

Storytime with Peggy Meyer has returned to the WMI! It began Thursday September 15, 2022 with two children in attendance. Peggy began this children's program in January of 2013. It was put on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This program will be held each Thursday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Ann McDonald will present "The Joy of Raising Monarch Butterflies" tonight at 6:30 p.m. This program will give you tips on different ways to help save the endangered Monarch Butterfly.

On Tuesday September 13, 2022, 182 students from the USI Freshman classed toured the WMI. We would like to thank Linda Warrum, Marlene Huffaker, and Karen Moser who volunteered as docents in our museum during this event.

The FWMI book sale went very well. We had approximately 1,160 patrons over the two-day event.

The New Harmony Farmer's and Artisan's Market presented by the WMI is over for the season.

The WMI has been invited to participate in the USI inaugural History Organization and Internship Fair. The fair will take place on October 5, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the University Center East Rooms 2217-2220. This event will offer an opportunity for students and history (or history adjacent) sites, museums, and other non-profits to connect in ways that are beneficial for all stakeholders. The goal is to have students learn more about the various organizations and opportunities available to them, and to assist our community partners in finding qualified students for internships and volunteer opportunities they offer.

The repair of the sidewalk has been scheduled for the middle of October. I have spoken with Jeff Smotherman about getting a permit. He doesn't think a permit is needed but we want to make sure we have one just in case it is a necessity.

The next ornament in the New Harmony Christmas Ornament series is the WMI. We would like to thank Robin Lewis for making this ornament. They are available to purchase at two local business' Capers Emporium and The Mews.

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At our quarterly meeting, which was held Tuesday October 19, 2021, these officers for the Board of Trustees were voted in for another term: President Fred Frayser, Vice-President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, and Secretary Tamara Allison. Trustee Christine Crews was appointed as a new trustee. The meetings are held on the Third Thursday of each month at 4:45 p.m. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to keep the Board of Trustees meetings set for the third Thursday of each month at 4:45p.m.

Minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Mr. Maudlin moved to accept the minutes. Mrs. Allison seconded. Approved.

Mr. Bernardin then gave the annual report. Ms. Weinzapfel made the motion to move \$20,000 from the investments account to our checking account to get through the end of the year. Mr. Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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

In old business

- In June, as we were working with Sims Painting and Adam Green, it was determined that a wood filler product that was acceptable by historical preservation guidelines would be needed for the painting and repair of the upper windows. A new specification sheet was created in July with the correct products needed for the project. However, the initial specification sheet was given to the workers therefore, the incorrect products were used. Sims has agreed to fix this mistake free of charge. The payment to Adam Green will be held until this is resolved.
- The Town of New Harmony has determined that the sidewalk is too close to our fence and will not pay for any repairs. Mr. Maudlin thinks that the Town Ordinance states that the town should be responsible for all or part of these repairs. It was suggested by Ms. Weinzapfel that a letter be written to the Town of New Harmony. Nathan agreed to write said letter from the Board of Trustees of the WMI and include a copy of the Ordinance.

In new business-(none)

Director's Report (see attached)

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report October 20, 2022

The WMI now has Notary Public Services available. Shannon received her Notary Public Commission on September 29, 2022.

The continuation of the State Museum's Curatorial Outreach to the WMI will continue Sunday October 30, 2022 through Sunday November 6, 2022 with the arrival of Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick.

Shannon and I met with Steven Stump Wednesday Morning about the next steps to take with our website and Social Media accounts.

Last Night, the NHBA Main Street Program brought 46 adults and one child to the WMI. Deb Burdick will present "Revisiting Posey People with Deborah Burdick on November 1, 2022. Peggy Taylor will present "Craftsmanship, Excellence, Past and Present" on November 3, 2022. This is the final lecture in the FWMI 2022 lecture series. Phil Werry and Dr. Bethe Macke Will present "Having the Last Word" Wednesday November 16, 2022. These lectures begin at 6:30 p.m.

Bill Elliot will be leading a tour from the Indiana Geological and Water survey Friday October 21, 2022. (Tomorrow)

The WMI will be attending the History Celebration at the Evansville Museum on November 13, 2022.

November 14-16, 2022 I will be attending the Indiana Library Federation Conference. This year's theme is "Libraries are the Place to Be."

Kiwanis Story Time will be held Thursday October 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Tamara Allison will be reading Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds. We have 16 children registered for this event.

The NHBA Trick-or-Treat for businesses will be Saturday October 29, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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 30th -November 6th continuing the State Museum's Curatorial Outreach.

On October 27th 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 29th. 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.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on December 15, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tamara Allison, Trustee-elect Christine Crews, Speaker Dan Busler, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Vice President Nathan Maudlin joined via Zoom.

Minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

Connie Weinzapfel then presented the Treasurer's Report. Tamara Allison moved to accept and hold for audit. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

Friends of the WMI (None)

In Old Business

- Adam Green has no more billable hours for the Roof Restoration Project. His claim for December will include his September, October, and November invoices. The discounted invoice for Simm's Painting will also be included in December's claims.

In New Business (None)

- End of year transfers- Nathan Maudlin made a motion to authorize Ryan to make any necessary end of year transfers within budget line items required by the Department of Local Government Finance. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

Mr. Frayser then suspended the public portion of the meeting to enter into an executive session --

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report December 15, 2022

Norbert Krapf gave a poetry reading on Thursday November 17, 2022. There were 19 patrons in attendance.

Peggy Taylor held a short weaving demonstration for 15 McGary Elementary School Students on Tuesday November 29, 2022.

The New Harmony Clay Project held two artist lectures here on Friday December 2, 2022. There were 15 patrons in attendance.

Our Christmas Open-House was a huge success. This year we scheduled to correspond with Christmas in New Harmony. We had approximately 50 patrons attend.

We hosted Santa Claus during the Christmas in New Harmony Festivities on Saturday, December 3, 2022. 250 children came to the WMI to see Santa or to partake in the crafts and games available on the lawn. . These counts were provided by NHBA festival volunteer, Katie Kimball. The library count was 145 adults 147 children.

Wednesday December 28 through Friday December 30 Peggy Taylor will host "Weaving Camp." She has 12 students registered for the event. Registration for the class has closed.

Kiwanis Story Time will be Thursday December 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Sarah Janik will be reading *Little Red Sleigh* by Erin Guendelsberger. We have 17 children registered for the event.

Josh lamb installed the long-awaited surge protection last week.

Pre-School Story Time with Peggy Meyer is going strong! We started with 2 children in September and have grown to having 6 children in attendance.

12 Holiday Stories has continued on Facebook. There are several new readers this year. Karen Moser, Jan Kahle, Claire Eagle, Taylor Rokicki, Patty Beagle, and Katie and Willow Kimball have all signed on to read.

