

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on January 19, 2023

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

Minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Christine Crews moved to accept the minutes. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report had previously been approved on Tuesday January 17, 2023 at the Membership meeting. Tamara Allison moved to accept and hold for audit on behalf of the Trustees. Christine Crews seconded. Accepted.

Friends of the WMI (None)

In Old Business

- Long-Range Plan - Steven Stump has provided the final edit of the Long-Range Plan. It is comprehensive and incorporates the areas discussed during the planning sessions. Nathan Maudlin requested that Ryan send Connie Weinzapfel an e-mail to arrange a meeting with the Long Range Planning Committee to present this plan for approval.

In New Business

- Christine Crews, Diana Davis, and Jan Kahle met with Ryan to create a group to revive the Oral History Project. The first topic will be New Harmony School. They have received some funding for this from the Harmony Associates. The intent is for this to continue as an ongoing series with varying topics. Christine Crews made a motion that the WMI authorize an Oral History Program. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

Vice President Maudlin then suspended the public portion of the meeting to enter an executive session --

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Christine Crews made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Director's Report -January 19, 2023

I was approached by Historic New Harmony about a tree between the WMI and Murphy Auditorium. They had been advised by Jim Brown that the tree needs to be removed. The tree was determined to be on WMI property. I contacted Tom Guggenheim for a second opinion and he examined the tree and took photographs. He stated, that "he was not alarmed" and that he would share his findings with his colleagues at Purdue University and contact me in a week's time.

Shortly after Christmas, Melora discovered one of the rafters in the attic was severely cracked. I took pictures and sent them to architect Adam Green. Yesterday, Adam and Architectural Engineer Hieronymus Mitchell were here and made a thorough inspection of the damage which was determined to be several years old. After taking several photographs and measurements, they stated that they would get back with a quote/plan for reinforcement/repair.

HF Refrigeration was here today and installed the valves and actuators. They will be back tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. to complete the installation.

Johnson Methodist Church has been offering Homework help each Tuesday evening in January here at the WMI. Although no student has yet taken advantage of the service, we are hopeful that some will in the future.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on February 16, 2023.

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

Minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Christine Crews moved to accept the minutes. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

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

#### **FWMI-**

- President Jeanne Maudlin announced the presenters for the 2023 FWMI Lecture Series. Sophie Kloppenburg, Kimberly Davis Nightingale, Dona Bone and Bishop Mumford will be this year's presenters.
- Shelley Batt has joined the FWMI board.

#### **In Old Business-(None)**

#### **In New Business-**

- The lighting on the entry stairs is poor at night. It was suggested that solar lights be installed to help illuminate entry stairs.
- Ryan will look into a new printer/copier/scanner that can provide patrons with color copies and other upgrades from our existing copier.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Accepted.

President Fred Frayser then suspended the public portion of the meeting to enter an executive session --

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report February 16, 2023

Kiwanis Story Time held on January 26, 2023 had 15 children and 10 adults in attendance. The next Story Time will be February 23, 2023. We have 16 children registered for the event.

February 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Kathy Kirschman will be holding a class on the art of book folding. There are currently two people signed up for this event. Registration is still open for this event.

Tom Guggenheim was here yesterday and did the assessment on the tree located between the WMI and Murphy Auditorium.

Josh Lamb and his team of electricians began installing the lights in the lecture hall last week. Track lighting will be installed rather than the wafer lights seen in the library.

TK Elevator was here yesterday responding to a third entrapment. We will not be charged for this service.

Some of the events we have on the calendar for 2023 include a Tech 101 class as well as a women's writing group. The writing group meets once a month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is facilitated by Deb Burdick. The Tech 101 will be taught by Kristen Lowry from the Purdue Extension Office. These classes will be held April 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Shannon and I are currently completing the state library and financial Reports.

We have received a rough "wireframe" of the website from USI student Blake Ciuffetelli. This is a rough draft of the new website.

Ariannah Kubli, last year's recipient of the Lena Feiner Research Grant, will be here conducting her research on March 11-18.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on March 16, 2023.

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

Minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

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

**FWMI-** The first FWMI lecture of 2023 will be this evening at 6:30 p.m. Sophie Kloppenburg will present "7 Lynched Men and a Fight for Unattainable Justice."

#### **In Old Business-**

- Ryan has purchased a used color printer/copier for the library. Lang will be here tomorrow to install it.
- Christine reported that they have proceeded with the Oral History Project. Next Thursday we will be interviewing Charles Huck. Steven Stump will be recording these events.

#### **In New Business-**

- The grants we applied for to commission the salary for the collections manager will end in June. The Board agreed that this collection managers position should be kept. There are other grants that can be explored. Also, funding might be found within our endowments. Ryan will speak with Robert Bernardin about funding. The Board will review this issue at the April meeting.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Director's Report March 16, 2023

- Tom Guggenheim requires a larger auger to make an assessment on the tree between the WMI and the side door of Murphy Auditorium. He is waiting for this tool to arrive so he can complete the evaluation.
- The rails for the track lighting that will be installed in the Maclure Room have been ordered by Josh Lamb.
- Ariannah Kubli, last year's recipient of the Lena Feiner Research Grant is here conducting research.
- We have decided to open the Rafter Repair to bids. So far, we have two contractors who are interested in the job. (Happe and Koester.)
- Nathan Maudlin presented "Hope for the future" on February 16, 2023. Thirty-five patrons were in attendance.
- Kathy Kirschman held a class on the art of book folding March 4, 2023. She had 8 students.
- Tonight at 6:30 Sophie Kloppenburg will present "7 Lynched Men and a Fight for Unattainable Justice."
- Kiwanis Story Time will be held March 23, 2023. Paul Allison will be reading "The Lorax." We have 15 Children registered for the event.
- Earlier this week AT&T updated our phone lines. This will result in a lower monthly rate.
- State Library and Financial Reports are completed and have been submitted.
- The WMI and Peggy Taylor are once again applying for the Indiana Arts Commission Grant to continue her weaving classes.
- The WMI was featured on WEVV 44 (CBS affiliate) Tri-State Treasures Segment on Monday.
- The Newburgh Museum Board would like to visit the WMI and learn about the Past Perfect software.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on April 20, 2023.

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

Minutes of the March 16, 2023, meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the minutes. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Connie Weinzapfel. General Operating cash is currently needed. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to ask Robert Bernardin to sell \$40,000 in whatever stocks are the best option at this time to cover the WMI's operating expenses until we receive the Property Tax Disbursement in June. Nathan Maudlin Seconded. Approved.

**FWMI-** None

#### **In Old Business-**

- Maclure Room Rental Policy - It was discovered that the recent self-defense class held March 18, 2023, by Lawman Tactical was under the umbrella of a non-profit organization. This program was sponsored by the New Harmony Business Associates. The room rental fee was returned to the organization at their last monthly meeting.
- Ryan Rokicki, Shannon DeLap, and Tamara Allison met to discuss and review materials for the S.T.E.M. area. Ms. Weinzapfel suggested researching the Posey County Community Foundation for possible funding.
- Mrs. Crews reported that they have completed the first Oral History Project with Charles Huck. The next participant will be Rosemary Alsop.

#### **In New Business-**

- A brief discussion regarding future projects such as the fence, new library furniture, and the mural in the Maclure Room.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Director's Report -April 20, 2023

- Sophie Kloppenburg presented “7 Lynched Men and a Fight for Unattainable Justice” on Thursday March 16, 2023. 46 patrons were in attendance.
- Kiwanis Story Time will be held Thursday April 27, 2023. Jean Kares will be reading *Double Trouble in Walla Walla* by Andrew Clements. We have 24 children registered for this event.
- The First Brush of Spring/Plein Air Paint Out held their annual classes here at the WMI on April 11 and 12.
- Heritage Artisan Days were held last week. There were 2,800 students and teachers here over the three-day event. Thanks to Mike Axton for supporting the staff by serving as a docent.
- HF Refrigeration was here on Tuesday and turned on our Air Conditioner for the season.
- Josh Lamb and his crew were here and installed the track lighting. There are some minor adjustments that are required as well as dimmer switches that need to be installed.
- Happe was here today and installed the wooden frame under the broken rafter. This is not a permanent fix. This will just prevent any further damage.
- The Friends of New Harmony State Park held their quarterly meeting here on Monday with 10 active members present.
- The First Mondays Writers Group will hold poetry reading on April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This event will feature the poetry of Linda Neal Reising, Mark Williams, Victoria Woolf Bailey, and Jessica D. Thompson.
- Kristen Lowry from the Purdue Extension Office will be offering Tech-101 at the WMI. These classes are to help you learn more about your smart phones/devices. These classes will be held May 16 and May 19. Ms. Lowry said she may change the May 16 date to May 9. We did have a test run yesterday. We had 5 patrons in attendance.



The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on May 18, 2023.

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

Minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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

**FWMI-** The 2023-24 slate of officers is as follows: President-Jeanne Maudlin, Vice President-Ann Garrett, Treasurer-Paula Schmidt, Secretary-Bonnie Minnette. We held our budget meeting. When we receive our clean copy of the budget, we will forward it to the WMI Board. Paula will be forwarding the invitation to the volunteer picnic to the members of the FWMI. We would like to thank the membership for having a book sale committee. We now have tote bags and t-shirts with the WMI logo. Both items are \$15.00.

#### **In Old Business-**

- Membership meeting ideas-It was suggested that each member speak at each meeting. Information regarding these speakers should be placed on the reminder postcards (i.e., speakers' name and topic) that are sent out prior to the meetings. It was also suggested that a staff member, archivist, or archive volunteer could show an artifact from the archives and give a short history of said item at each meeting. If you nominate a new member it is suggested to take them on a tour of the WMI. Speaker Dan Busler would like to discuss these and many more ideas in depth at the July quarterly membership meeting. It was mentioned that the minutes from the Board of Trustees meetings need to be emailed at the same time as the membership minutes.
- Long Range Plan: Tamara Allison investigated a \$2500-\$15,000 grant from The Posey County Community Foundation for the S.T.E.M. area. The application begins May 22 and ends July 31. The Grant is awarded in October. She also priced the discussed materials as well as a storage cabinet. The total of these items is \$3000. Mrs. Allison and Ms. Weinzapfel spoke with Lilly Endowment Board member John Lechleiter, to gain some information about possible funding for our archive expansion.
- Oral History Project-We have set up a second interview with Rosemary Alsop.

#### **In New Business-**

- The state library looked at our annual report and said our Non-resident Fee was the only thing that was in error. Our current fee is \$275 per year. It was suggested that we increase

ours to \$325. It must be at least \$301.67. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to increase our Non-resident Fee to \$301.67. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

- Since we have purchased a new copier, we now offer color copies. The current rate for copies is \$0.10 per page with the first five pages free. I would like to charge \$0.25 per color page. Tamara Allison moved that color copies be set at \$0.25 per page and that all other print fees remain the same. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.
- We have purchased the proper adapter so that I-pads and I-phones can be connected to our projector system.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report-May 18, 2023

April was National Poetry Month. The First Mondays Writers Group held a poetry reading read on Thursday April 27 with 24 patrons in attendance. Linda Neal Reising, Mark Williams, Victoria Woolf Bailey, and Jessica D. Thompson all read their published work with a Q & A following the reading.

Kiwanis Story Time was held that same evening (April 27.) We had 18 Children in attendance. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be May 25. Karen Moser Will be reading *Mossy* by Jan Brett. We have 24 Children Registered for this event.

We are currently finishing up our summer reading schedule. This year's slogan is *All Together Now*. It will be a six-week program and begins June 22. It will be each Thursday Morning through July 29 at 10:30 with programs lasting 30-45 minutes each session. So far, we have the following groups participating. Garden Club, Kelsey from the Music School, Tammy Allison will be doing a S.T.E.M program, Janey Frayser will be contributing a story and activity and Deb Burdick's writing group will show how journaling can be creative.

The Purdue Extension office held Tech 101 on May 9. Six patrons were in attendance. A big thank you to Kristen Lowry for having these very informative sessions here at the WMI.

The New Harmony Farmers' and Artisans' Market Presented by the WMI Kicked off the 2023 market season on Saturday May 13. The market will be each Saturday Morning from 9:00 a.m. to Noon through September 16.

The Retired Teachers from Posey County will meet at the WMI on Monday June 5.

Rod Clark held another meeting regarding the upcoming Eclipse slated to occur April 8, 2024 on Wednesday May 17.

Indiana Landmarks will hold a reception in the room for the dissemination of useful knowledge on June 9 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

We have had five applicants for the Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies. They have all been invited to submit a full proposal. These proposals are due tomorrow.

Adam Green was in last week and did another assessment on the broken rafter in the attic. He did notice a few other areas that were a concern.

The Volunteer Picnic will be Sunday June 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. This event is being held at Maclure Park. Food and Drink will be provided. Please bring your lawn chairs.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on June 15, 2023.

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

Minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

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

**FWMI-** Christine Crews presented. The book sale was last weekend. There were 227 people in attendance. Book sales totaled \$499 and another \$150 in tote bags. The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration is coming up and will be held at the Atheneum.

### **In Old Business-**

- Long-Range Plan
  - On Monday, June 12, Connie, Ryan, and Tamara held a strategy meeting regarding a future expansion of the archives. Connie invited Diane Sanders from Historic New Harmony to join the meeting to gain some insight into exactly what we need to ask for from the Lilly Foundation. On Wednesday, June 14 we met with Ronni Kloth. They do offer planning grants, but we need to have a more detailed plan to present to the Lilly Foundation. Ryan spoke with Marsh Davis from Indiana Landmarks, and he agreed that we had taken a good first step to get funding for the expansion of the archives.
  - During the meetings with Diane Sanders and Ronni Kloth it was mentioned that our website should be updated prior to asking for the planning grant. Connie suggested Allen Howe from ideology.biz. Ryan will contact them tomorrow about updating the website.
- Oral History Project-The interviews with Rosemary Alsop are complete. Linda Alsop and Carolyn Stone will be interviewed for future installments in the series.

### **In New Business- None**

President Frayser then suspended the public portion of the meeting to enter an executive session.

During the executive session, it was decided that Shannon DeLap would receive a 2.5% raise from where it was in December 2022 and a \$250 stipend to be reevaluated in December 2023 with the other staff members.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report-June 15, 2023

Kiwanis Story Time was held on May 25. We had 17 Children in attendance. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be June 22. Ann Rains Will be reading *Spring After Spring* by Jan Brett. We have 21 Children Registered for this event.

Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick were here May 30<sup>th</sup> -June 9<sup>th</sup> continuing the State Museum's Curatorial Outreach. Randy and Deb will be returning in November.

Our Volunteer Picnic held on June 4 was a success! A big thank you to Harold DeLap and Taylor Rokicki for all their help.

Indiana Landmarks held their reception in the room for the dissemination of useful knowledge on June 9 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

The WMI and the Feiner Grant Search Committee are happy to announce this year's grant recipients. We would like to congratulate Dr. Eleanor Rust and Dr. Tristra Newyear Yeager - *Francis Wright: America's Forgotten Radical (A Podcast)* and Rebecca May Hope - *Women of Paradise: Contributions of Female Boatloaders to New Harmony*.

Posey Invasive Partnership and The Garden Club of New Harmony will present *Invasive Plants in Your Backyard* Wednesday, June 21, at 5:00 P.M. Conservation professional, Will Drews, will cover local invasive plants, control methods, and landscape alternatives. Registration is required for this event.

Our six-week summer reading program will begin next Thursday, June 22. Janey Frayser will be reading *A Friendship Yarn* by Lisa Moser. The activity will be friendship bracelets.

Ken Back will present *Twenty Cows: Milk Sickness in Father Rapp's New Harmonie* Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30 P.M. Ken will share his research on the illness that claimed 19 Harmonists in the summer and fall of 1814.

We submitted our final grant report to the Indiana Arts Commission. I am proud to announce that we have been awarded \$3840.00 for Peggy Taylor's next weaving class *Textiles Thru Time*.

We would like to thank the Janik family, Jeanne and Nathan Maudlin, Janie and Fred Frayser, Ann Angle-Garrett, and Diana Davis for helping to set up and break down the FWMI book sale.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on July 20, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Frayser. Present were President Fred Frayser, Secretary Tamara Allison, Trustee Christine Crews, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Vice President Nathan Maudlin and Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined via Zoom.

Minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel asked that the minutes be amended to show the correct name of Lilly Endowment, Inc as well as Ronni Kloth's position within the organization. Christine Crews moved to accept the minutes as amended. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

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

**FWMI-** None

#### **In Old Business-**

- Oral History Project-The interviews with Rosemary Alsop are complete. We will be interviewing Linda Alsop and Carolyn Stone for future installments in the series.
- Ryan has spoken with Allen Howie from Ideology.biz. He has looked at our website and discussed his ideas for a new and updated site for us.
- Nathan Maudlin suggested that the Speaker at the quarterly meeting should exercise greater control as some members tend to engage in conversation after the meeting has commenced. Ryan mentioned that the staff members' presentations will take place during his report at the meetings, instead of before the meetings.

#### **In New Business-**

- Tamara Allison inquired about the wood over the gap between the floor and wall in the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge. Fred Frayser explained that it was a "test piece" to ascertain if such a cosmetic addition would be feasible. Such a measure was supposed to have been completed in 2014 when the room underwent renovation.
- Mrs. Allison additionally proposed the installation of permanent signage for the book drop. The existing sign is attached to the drop box to discourage users from treating it like a trash bin.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Christine Crews made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Directors Report-July 20, 2023

Kiwanis Story Time was held on June 22 with 12 children in attendance. The next story time will be July 27<sup>th</sup>. Jean Kares is reading *Beautiful Oops!* By Barney Saltzberg. We have 15 children registered.

Summer Reading is going strong! We have had approximately 8-10 children attend each week. Tamara Allison's S.T.E.M. program during this morning's program had 4 children in attendance. The last day, July 27, will be a field day with games and activities on the lawn and a grand prize to the child who has read the most books.

During the Firefly Festival on Saturday, June 17, the WMI hosted two events. Charlie Gaston read two stories about fireflies to a small audience of two people. Because of the low turnout, this program was rescheduled and included in our Summer Reading Program on June 29. Additionally, a photography program for adults was held with 12 attendees.

The New Harmony Music Festival pop-up concert held July 14 at the WMI had 50 patrons in attendance.

Tamara Allison and I met this morning to review the application for the Posey County Community Foundation grant for the STEM area. The goal is to have this completed by tomorrow so that Mrs. Allison and Ms. Weinzapfel can review it before we submit it next week.

We are finishing up the final report for the Indiana Arts Commission grant that will provide \$3,800 in funding for Peggy Taylor's next round of weaving classes titled "Weaving Through Time."



The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on August 17, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Frayser. Present were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Trustee Christine Crews, Friends President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined via Zoom.

Minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Christine Crews moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mrs. Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Connie Weinzapfel then presented the Treasurer's Report. Christine Crews moved to accept and hold for audit. Ms. Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Our 2024 Budget meeting will be held at the September Trustee's meeting with the budget adoption taking place at the October Membership meeting.

#### **FWMI-**

- The FWMI held a meeting last night. We have begun to discuss our 2024 lecture series. Our by-laws have been amended as of today. Copies have been sent to members to view all the additions and changes. Donna Creek will be reaching out to Fred Frayser about the schedule for the upcoming book sale in September.
- On September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., Dona Bone, from the Evansville Wartime Museum, will be giving a presentation on "The Five Historic Factories That Helped Build Evansville."
- On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Bishop Mumford will be giving the last FWMI presentation of 2023. His "Farming in the 21st Century here in Posey County: Precision, Sustainability, Profitability and Where We Fit In" will highlight Farming in Posey County in the 21st century. We would like his son Jacob to give his introduction that evening.

#### **In Old Business-**

- Ryan has spoken with Allen Howie from Idealogy.biz. The quote for the rebuilding and redesigning of our website is \$15,000. This quote includes new photographs, a video library of lectures that will not lead patrons to an external site, an easier user interface as well as many other positive changes. Nathan Maudlin made a motion to meet with Mr. Howie to proceed with the redesigning and rebuilding of our website. Christine Crews Seconded.

#### **In New Business-**

- Late last month Ryan was contacted by attorney Lindsey B. Schmitt with Farmer, Scott, Ozete, Robinson & Schmitt LLP. The WMI has been named a residuary beneficiary in the credit trust of Robert A. Johnson. There are eight other residuary beneficiaries listed

in this trust. There is \$439,832.69 in cash plus the appraisal of four properties east of New Harmony. Ryan has acknowledged the receipt of the notice.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

We received a nice thank you card from Melissa Peerman for the flowers we sent for Rosemary Alsop's funeral.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Directors Report-August 17, 2023

The Summer Reading program concluded on July 27 with a total of nine children participating. Alyssa Scott emerged as the grand prize winner. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers whose invaluable assistance contributed to the overwhelming success of this year's program.

On Tuesday, August 8, Arrianah Kubli, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of North Carolina and the 2022 recipient of the Lena Feiner Memorial Research Grant, presented her lecture titled "New Harmony's Working-Class Readership of Women's Writing: A Study of Marginalia." 23 individuals attended the lecture.

Our upcoming Kiwanis Story Time event will take place on August 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The book "Waiting for Wings" by Lois Ehlert will be read by Tamara Allison. Currently, 16 children are registered to attend.

The WMI will host Geology Merit Day on Saturday, August 19th. 30 scouts have registered for the event and the class will be taught by Dr. Bill Elliott. The fun will begin at 8:30 a.m.

On August 28th, Blaffer Foundation Creative-in-Residence Maria Clara Morales, a talented young Colombian architect, will embark on a two-week immersive creative residency in New Harmony uncovering the town's rich history and forward-thinking community. Morales intends to share her perspective at a free lecture open to the public on September 7th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Working Men's Institute.

This morning, I participated in the budget workshop organized by the Department of Local Government Finance. Based on the 4% growth quotient, our operating budget for the year 2024 will be \$294,500.

We have switched our supplier for periodicals from the now-defunct Popular Subscription Services to the Magazine Subscription Service Agency. As part of this change, we have been requested to include the Atlantic Monthly in our selection of periodicals.

On September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., Dona Bone will be giving a presentation on "The Five Historic Factories That Helped Build Evansville." The lecture is part of the FWMI Lecture series.

The book sale organized by FWMI is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th, and Sunday, September 17th. The sale will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, while on Sunday, it will begin at noon and end at 4:00 p.m.

We submitted the grant application for the STEM area to the Posey County Community Foundation on July 28, 2023. The final decision should be available on or around October 1st.

On September 12, 2023 Historic New Harmony will welcome the entire USI freshman class for UNIV101. Students will be assigned one of three experience visits, attending educational presentations before having some time to explore the town.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on September 21, 2023.

The Budget Hearing for 2024 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 17, 2023 at the quarterly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Frayser. Present were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tamara Allison, Trustee Christine Crews, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap.

Minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes as amended. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

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

#### **FWMI-**

- Christine Crews reported that the Book Sale held on Kunstfest weekend was a remarkable success. Including the books sold from the book cart at the Farmer's Market, we made \$1000. We want to thank Shannon DeLap for placing the cart outside each Saturday during the market season.
- On September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., Dona Bone gave a presentation on "The Five Historic Factories That Helped Build Evansville." We had 37 patrons in attendance.
- On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Bishop Mumford will present "Farming in the 21st Century here in Posey County: Precision, Sustainability, Profitability and Where We Fit In" This is the last FWMI presentation of 2023. This program will highlight agriculture in Posey County in the 21st century.

#### **In Old Business-**

- The cellphone charging station has arrived and is available to use.
- Ryan spoke with Allen Howie of Idealogy.biz about the additional service as forementioned at the August Trustee's meeting. The cost to include these services would be \$5000 per month.
- The Trustee elections will take place during the October Membership meeting.
- Tom Cullum is interested in doing some preliminary drawings to provide Lily Endowment Inc. for our archive expansion. Ryan and Mr. Maudlin will meet with Tom Cullum regarding this project.
- John Totenham has resigned from the WMI Membership leaving an available position.

#### **In New Business-**

- The Trustees passed a resolution related to the annual E-rate for 2024. As per the regulations set by the State, we need to pass a resolution every year to "Join Indiana

State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access" to be reimbursed for the internet service costs. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the E-rate resolution. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

- Kiwanis Story Time will begin its third year. The Harmonie Associates has set up a specific fund for the Kiwanis' half of the costs of the books.
- Ryan and Tamara had a Zoom meeting with Westin Stewart in regards to the grant from the Posey County Community Foundation for the S.T.E.M area. The decision will be made around the first of October.

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

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Directors Report-September 21, 2023

On Saturday, August 19th, the WMI hosted a Geology Merit Badge Day for 26 registered Boy Scouts. Dr. Bill Elliot taught an informative class during the event.

Tamara Allison read the book "Waiting for Wings" by Lois Ehlhert during the Kiwanis Story Time event on August 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Sixteen children attended, and the next story time is scheduled for September 28th. Andria Barthlow will read "Dragons Love Tacos" by Adam Rubin, and there are 20 registered children for the event.

During the Blaffer Foundation Creative-in-Residence program, Maria Clara Morales, a talented young Colombian architect, shared her perspective of New Harmony's rich history on September 7th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thirty-seven patrons attended.

Dona Bone gave a lecture on "The Five Historic Factories That Helped Build Evansville" on September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The lecture was part of the FWMI Lecture series, and 36 patrons attended.

The FWMI Book Sale held during Kunstfest was successful, with 527 adults and 100 children visiting the library and 247 adults and children visiting the museum. These numbers do not include the patrons who visited the book sale.

The 2023 celebration of Banned Books will take place from October 1-7.

The Communal Studies Association (CSA) and Historic New Harmony will hold a Conference from October 5-7 in New Harmony. The theme for the 2023 Conference is "Communal Theory, Practice, and Impact" to recognize the 50th anniversary of the CSA.

Peggy Taylor will be teaching free weaving classes on October 19th and 26th, as well as November 2nd and 9th, thanks to a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission.

NHBA/One New Harmony Trick or Treat for Businesses and Town Halloween Party will take place on October 28th, with Trick or Treating beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the town party starting at 4:00 p.m.

There are now two cell phone charging stations available.

The WMI is one of the recipients of the Indiana Archaeology Award and Indiana Historic Preservation Award, given in recognition of exceptional accomplishments in the fields of archaeology and historic preservation by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA).

Rafter Repair is underway.

Latest Elevator Entrapment was resolved.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on October 19, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Frayser. Present were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tamara Allison, Trustee Christine Crews, Friends President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, Robert Bernardin from Baird, and Allen Howie of Idealogy.

Minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the minutes as amended. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Mr. Bernardin then gave the annual review of investments. Ms. Weinzapfel made the motion to generate \$50,000 from the endowment account to our checking account for general operating expenses for the rest of the year. Mr. Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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

#### **FWMI-**

- **None**

#### **In Old Business-**

- Allen Howie of Idealogy.biz was here and highlighted several of the features that will be beneficial to the website rebuild and redesign. He also discussed options for the use of our social media.

#### **In New Business-**

- Mr. Maudlin and his wife recently visited Italy to attend a memorial service for artist Franco Proserpi's late wife. Mr. Proserpi was kind and sent Director Rokicki a note including some beautiful card-sized art.
- Our telephone has been out of service for well over a month. If the problem isn't resolved by Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Ryan will have a new number installed.

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

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Directors Report October 19, 2024

The Indiana Arts Commission grant that will provide \$3,800 in funding for Peggy Taylor's next round of weaving classes titled "Weaving Through Time" has been approved. The classes begin tonight. The classes as well as the waiting list are full.

The Kiwanis Story Time event took place on September 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The book "Dragons Love Tacos" by Adam Rubin was read by Andria Barthlow. 6 children attended the event. The next story time will be October 26<sup>th</sup>. Katie Kimball will read "Hallo-Weiner" by Dav Pilkey. There are 16 children registered.

The Communal Studies Association (CSA) and Historic New Harmony held a Conference October 5-7 in New Harmony. The theme for the 2023 Conference is "Communal Theory, Practice, and Impact" to recognize the 50th anniversary of the CSA.

Purdue Graduate Student Alexandra Adams will introduce using Cropscape, a free visual tool for High-resolution landcover data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Wednesday October 25, at 6:30 p.m.

NHBA/One New Harmony Trick or Treat for Businesses and Town Halloween Party will take place on October 28, with Trick or Treating beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the town party starting at 4:00 p.m.

The "Meet the Candidates" for the New Harmony Town Council event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public. No political debates or campaign materials are permitted at this gathering.

Indiana Poet Laureate, Matthew Graham, will hold a lecture at the WMI on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Graham is a highly regarded literary figure with an impressive list of accomplishments, including four published books of poetry, an Academy of American Poets Award, a Pushcart Prize, two Indiana Arts Commission Master Fellowships, and a Vermont Studio Center Fellowship.

On Sunday, November 19, from 12:00 - 4:00 PM, the Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science will host its annual *History Celebration*. The event will feature informational booths of local organizations from Vanderburgh and adjoining counties that present history to the public.



The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on November 16, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Frayser. Present were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tamara Allison, Trustee Christine Crews, Friends President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap.

Minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes as presented. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

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

#### **FWMI-**

- Jeanne Maudlin presented the slate for the 2024 lecture series.
- The FWI would like to have a trash bin pad made that would allow the trash bin to be out of sight but still be easy to access. Ryan has already contacted Eric Janik to provide a quote.

#### **In Old Business-**

- The Posey County Community Foundation awarded the WMI \$2,000 for our STEM area. This was half of the funds needed to complete the project as envisioned. Tom Cochran was kind enough to donate the other \$2,000 for the project. A special thank you to Mr. Cochran for his generous donation.

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#### **In New Business-**

- The property located on the corner of Steammill and West Streets has been put up for sale. It was discussed during the meeting about purchasing the property as an investment opportunity. It was suggested to table this idea and place it on the December agenda.

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

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report November 16, 2023-

Peggy Taylor's weaving classes titled "Weaving Through Time" took place October 19 and 26 as well as November 2, 9, and 16. Her next weaving camp will be December 27-29 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Purdue graduate student Alexandra Adams introduced Cropscape, a free visual tool for high-resolution landcover data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m. She had 10 patrons attend.

The Kiwanis Story Time event took place on October 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The book "Halloween" by Dav Pilkey was read by Katie and Willow Kimball. 16 children attended the event. The next story time will be December 28<sup>th</sup>. Shannon DeLap will read "How to Catch a Snowman" by Adam Wallace. There are 16 children registered.

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Bishop Mumford presented "Farming in the 21st Century here in Posey County: Precision, Sustainability, Profitability and Where We Fit In" This was the last FWMI presentation of 2023. This program highlighted agriculture in Posey County in the 21st century. There were 47 patrons in attendance.

Linda Volz, in collaboration with Hoosier Salon, hosted an artist workshop on November 8<sup>th</sup>. There with 16 people in attendance.

On Sunday, November 12, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held their annual awards ceremony at the WMI. They presented the WMI with a book titled "Vietnam War 50th Commemoration-A Time to Honor." Katie Reineke accepted the book on behalf of the WMI.

Indiana Poet Laureate, Matthew Graham, will hold a lecture at the WMI tonight at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Graham is a highly regarded literary figure with an impressive list of accomplishments, including four published books of poetry, an Academy of American Poets Award, a Pushcart Prize, two Indiana Arts Commission Master Fellowships, and a Vermont Studio Center Fellowship.

Our Christmas open house will be immediately following the tree lighting ceremony at the Red Geranium. on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will host Santa and Candyland again this year for the Christmas in New Harmony festivities. There will be a take-and-make ornament available as well.

We are looking for volunteers to read for our Facebook event "12 Holiday Stories." If you would like to read or know someone who wants to read, please contact Shannon or Ryan.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on December 21, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Frayser. Present were President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Trustee Christine Crews, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Vice President Nathan Maudlin and Secretary Tamara Allison joined via Zoom.

Minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the minutes as presented. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

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

#### **FWMI-**

- We are finalizing the 2024 FWMI Lecture Series dates. Brochures will go out in January.

#### **In Old Business-**

- The property located on the corner of Steammill and West Streets has been put up for sale. It was discussed during the November Trustees meeting about purchasing the property as an investment opportunity. The lots are priced at \$75,000. It was suggested to offer \$50,000 for the investment property and to come into the January 2024 meeting with firm information about the zoning of the property. The listing agent, Aaron Wilson, as well as Ms. Weinzapfel, should be able to obtain this information.

#### **In New Business-**

- The mauve chairs in the reading area are in dire need of replacement. Ryan asked the Trustees to declare them surplus material so they could be replaced. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to declare the chair's surplus. Christine Crews seconded the motion. Approved.
- 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. Christine Crews 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. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report December 21, 2023

Indiana Poet Laureate, Matthew Graham, held a lecture at the WMI on November 16, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Graham, a highly regarded literary figure with an impressive list of accomplishments, brought in about 30 people.

The Christmas open house was a tremendous success! We had 70 attendees, and we deeply appreciate everyone who made the event spectacular.

On Saturday, December 2nd, Santa, and Candyland brought 400 patrons to the WMI.

Our "12 Holiday Stories" Facebook event is progressing well. We have already posted 10 videos and only have three remaining.

Peggy Taylor's next round of weaving classes will begin on Wednesday, December 27th and will run until Friday, December 29th. The classes will start each day at 10:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

Kiwanis Story Time will take place on Thursday, December 28th at 6 p.m. Shannon will read "How to Catch a Snowman" and we have 17 children registered for the event.

Allen Howie will be here in early January to retake some photos and videos for the new website.

All necessary repairs have been completed on the damaged rafter. However, there have been recommended further repairs in a few other areas, which shall be undertaken as a separate project. I have requested Happe provide an estimate for these repairs.

Gabby Knight from ATA was here today. She was here to show the new treasurer, Tamara Allison, our accounting practices. Our new secretary, Christine Crews, and I were also there to learn more about those practices as well.

Jim Naas has turned off our irrigation system.

Tom Straws Bon Voyage party on Sunday, December 17 had 80 people in attendance.

After the first of the year, we will begin working on our new STEM area.