

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on July 18, 2024

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

Minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

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

FWMI-

- There were two hundred people in attendance at the Independence Day Celebration.
- The next FWMI lecture will be Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Mike Linderman will be giving a lecture about Angel Mounds.

In Old Business-

- Archive expansion-The calculations and measurements detailing storage needs for our archive and museum collections have been submitted to Glen Kalley of Patterson-Pope. We will be meeting with him next week to go over things a bit more thoroughly.
- Three conservation firms are interested in restoring the Harry Hawkins Mural. IAC of Cleveland, Ohio, McCaughen and Burr of St. Louis, Missouri, and Paul Plaschke Art Restoration. Mr. Plaschke is already scheduled to perform an assessment. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to pay McCaughen and Burr the \$1,000 fee for a second assessment of the mural. Nathan Maudlin Seconded. Approved.
- There was low attendance at the Quarterly Membership Meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 and a quorum was not present. There are now five current openings. It was suggested that President Fred Frayser send a letter to the members from the Trustees to access why the attendance was so low.
- STEM-To-Go will be available to be checked out and this new program will be highlighted in the August WMI Insider.

New Business-

- Robert Johnson Trust. - Ryan will ask Robert Bernardin if it would be a good idea to have it as a separate account or if consolidation is an option.
- There is a grant opportunity with Indiana Humanities. The Historic Preservation Education Grant. Application due date is September 30, 2024.

Director's Report (see attached)

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

Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to adjourn the Trustees meeting. Tamara Allison seconded. Adjourned.

Director's Report July 18, 2024

The summer reading program has been extended for an additional week, and the new final day will be July 25th. This extension is because of the Posey County Fair, as several children have exhibits there.

The next Kiwanis Story Time will take place on Thursday, July 25th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., with Anthony Rideout reading "Jazz on a Saturday Night" by Leo and Diane Dillon. In June, eleven children attended the Kiwanis Story Time.

Peggy Taylor hosted a quilting discussion titled "A Thread Gathering" on Sunday, June 30, 2024, with the aim of possibly creating a quilting group. We have sent the final report to the Indiana Arts Commission for "Textiles Through Time."

Melora Adams hosted a tour of the WMI for the Interpreter's Association group on Monday, July 8, 2024, and there were eight attendees.

Pre-School Story Time will commence on August 22, 2024, and will run until October 3, 2024.

The latest episode of the 8-episode podcast "Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical" has just been released. This documentary was created by Dr. Tristra Newyear Yeager and Dr. Eleanor Rust, who were both awarded the WMI's Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies in 2023.

Indiana State Library has found us in compliance.

State Board of Accounts Exit Interview will be next week.

Dinah Nicholson would like to have a suicide prevention lecture at the WMI.

Rebecca May Hope, Lena Feiner Grant Recipient will present her lecture *Women of Paradise: Contributions of Female Boatloaders to New Harmony* on August 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Budget workshop will be held August 15, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

Jane Gilbert from EVSC will host an art workshop at the WMI on Tuesday July 30, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The project manager at Happe that oversaw our Rafter Repair Project has moved to another job opportunity. Bryce Martin is now in charge of this project.

HF Refrigeration wants to replace the pipes coming out of the chiller.

We are looking at dates later in August and Early September to have the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.