

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on June 20, 2024

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

Minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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

FWMI-

- Christine Crews reported that the organization made \$1,094 at the book sale held during the Antique Festival in June.
- The next FWMI event will be July 4th at the Atheneum. Historic New Harmony's Assistant Director Diane Sanders will be the Keynote Speaker and Ben Nicholson will be the reader of the Declaration of Independence.

In Old Business-

- Connie Weinzapfel requested that the archive expansion and the cleaning of the Harry Hawkins murals remain in old business and have monthly updates on both projects.

New Business-

- Michael Guard requested the WMI's completed remediation reports for the old school to aid the town in its potential purchase. Fred Frayser stated he would get the reports to him.
- It has been recommended that the WMI acquires a generator for the archives in the event of a prolonged power outage. Ryan has proposed incorporating this into the ongoing archival expansion project as a proactive measure for the future.
- Christine Crews was approached by an individual that would like the WMI to host a lecture about how to use social media for businesses.
- Tamara Allison has requested a reminder to inform the public that the WMI functions as a cooling station during periods of hot weather.
- Connie brought the company responsible for updating the comprehensive plan to the WMI on June 19. They are considering holding meetings at this location. Mr. Maudlin suggested making a copy of the completed town comprehensive plan available at the WMI.

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 June 20, 2024

Radio and television host, David James hosted the FWMI lecture on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. with 30 patrons in attendance.

Charles Gaston held a book signing on May 30th. Fifty-eight patrons attended.

The FWMI book sale took place in the "Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge" June 7th-9th.

Our summer reading program kicked off on June 12th. This year's theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library*. A big thank you to Janey Frayser for her assistance in this morning's session. The first two sessions brought six children to the event.

Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick were here June 11th -June 16^h continuing the Indiana State Museum's Curatorial Outreach

Geologist Randy Patrick delivered a thought-provoking presentation on Thursday, June 13 titled "De-extinction: Is it the Way to Go?" The lecture focused on the global efforts to revive over seventy extinct species. Sixteen patrons attended.

The next Kiwanis Story Time will be held Thursday June 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Shannon DeLap will be reading "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin. The May Kiwanis Story Time and the June STEM Story Time had no attendees. Many children cancelled due to schedule conflicts with summer sports. The STEM area is getting lots of use.

The items for the "STEM-To-Go" have been ordered. These items will be available to check out.

Melora and I have completed the measurements on the WMI's collections. We are doing the calculations and will be forwarding them to Glenn Kalley with Space Saver. I initially planned for a 50% increase but am now considering adding 100%.

I have contacted Paul Plaschke from Owensboro, Ky about the conservation of the Harry Hawkins murals. We now have three conservators who have expressed interest in the project.

Brent Suits was in and replaced the ethernet switch. This replacement has enhanced our internet speeds and reliability.

The New Harmony Farmer's and Artisan's Market presented by the WMI is still going strong.

This year's recipient of the Arlene Feiner Grant for Women's Studies is Kathrine Prater for her topic "Illustrations in Nature: Printing Utopia-Lucy Way Sistaire Say."

Connie Weinzapfel is stepping back from the Feiner Grant Committee and recommended Christine Crews to be her replacement.

Our new website was launched on May 23rd.

The WMI hosted the Southwest Indiana Regional Directors Round Table on Friday, May 17th.

The Knox County Library toured the WMI on June 12th.