

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on May 23, 2024

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

Minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

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

FWMI-

- We currently have 39 members. From those memberships we have earned \$2270.
- David James will host the next FWMI lecture on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

In Old Business-

- Ryan is still researching conservators for the restoration of the Harry Hawkins Mural.
- Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to amend the already approved minutes to more closely reflect what happened in the quarterly minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

In 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. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report-May 16, 2024

The State Board of Accounts Review has wrapped up. We do not have a date for the final meeting, but I will let the board know as soon as that date has been set.

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. Jean Kares read *Grandpa's Teeth* by Rod Clement. There were ten children present. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on May 23rd. Ann Rains will be reading *Dorothy & Herbert: An Ordinary Couple and Their Extraordinary Collection of Art* by Jackie Azúa Kramer and Julia Breckenreid.

Pre-school story time will take a short hiatus for the summer. It will resume on Thursday, August 22nd.

Our summer reading program will be June 12th-July 18th. This year's theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library*.

Heritage Artisans Days was April 24-25. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers. There were 829 children who visited the WMI over the three-day event.

Bill McKenzie hosted "Grief: A Journey to Peace and Acceptance" on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Seventeen patrons attended.

The Farmer's Market Presented by the WMI kicked off the market season Saturday, May 11th.

That same day, Boy Scout Troop 305 from Newburgh came in and toured the WMI and viewed the Movie Iron Man.

Alexandrian Public Library toured the WMI on Monday, May 13th.

The Hoosier Salon held a three-day workshop at the WMI that concluded today. Douglas David taught "Painting Fresh Peonies." Janet Holcomb and several others enjoyed using the space for their event.

The WMI in partnership with Kiwanis held a free showing of the PBS Documentary *Racing to Respond* produced by Riley's Children's Hospital Tuesday, May 15th. Twenty people were here to view the documentary that highlighted many mental and behavioral health issues that impacted two Indiana Families through suicide, anxiety, and depression.

Tomorrow I will be hosting the Southeastern Indiana Regional Directors Round Table.

Town and Country Extension Homemakers will be hosting a game day Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Renowned radio and television host, David James will host the next FWMI lecture on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. David is the host of Two Main Street on WNIN.

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

Website edits are done and will go live tomorrow.

We have received three submissions for the Arlene Feiner Grant.

I attended the reception for the Women's Fund at the Country Mark Pavilion. We received \$1250 for a STEM-to-go program. This is another fabulous program idea from Tamara Allison. This funding will provide STEM toys that can be checked out.