

The Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute met on November 21, 2024.

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance included President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, and Director Ryan Rokicki.

The minutes from the October 17, 2024 meeting had been sent out electronically. Tamara Allison made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Connie Weinzapfel. The motion was approved.

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. Christine Crews moved to accept the report and hold it for audit, with Connie Weinzapfel seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

Christine Crews made the motion to transfer \$34,000 from the Vanguard account to the checking account to support general operations. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. The motion was approved.

#### **FWMI-**

- The final FWMI lecture on November 14 brought 18 patrons to the WMI.
- The 2024-25 slate of officers is as follows: President Jeanne Maudlin, Vice President Ann Angle Garrett, Treasurer Shelly Batt, and Secretary Christine Crews.
- We will be meeting in January to set up our 2025 lecture series.
- Dues need to be paid in January.

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

- The restoration of the Harry Hawkins mural is complete. Josh Lamb has already been contacted so that improved museum lighting can be installed to properly illuminate the mural.
- Archive Expansion-Glen Kalley from Patterson-Pope has provided another schematic. These include dimensions for two rooms, one with dimensions over 60 feet.

#### **New Business-**

- Christmas Open House-Our open house has been set for December 6<sup>th</sup>. However, there is another event occurring at Murphy Auditorium that evening. Tamara Allison made the motion to move the Open House to Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

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

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

Connie Weinzapfel moved to adjourn the meeting. Christine Crews seconded. Adjourned.

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Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Ben Nicholson, the author of "Clockwork Basilisk: The Early Revolvers of Elisha Collier & Artemas Wheeler," held a lecture about America's first revolver. Fifteen people were in attendance.

A group from Indiana University visited and toured the WMI on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The WMI hosted the Local Loco Model Train Club on October 26-27. Local Loco is a group of model railroad enthusiasts from Evansville and the surrounding communities in southwestern Indiana. This free event showcased various model railroad layouts. The event brought in 137 people over the two days.

David Angel has completed his "Conflict Resolution 101" series. A total of 31 attended the three sessions.

Bill McKenzie presented "Grief and the Holidays" on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The program had 10 people in attendance.

The Weavers Guild had their monthly meeting at the WMI on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Posey County Historical Society was here on November 16<sup>th</sup> and toured the WMI.

I attended the Indiana Library Federation conference on November 18-19 in Indianapolis.

The rafter repairs in the attic have been completed by Happe and Sons.

HF Refrigeration has been here and switched the system to heat for the winter. The pump needed for the heating and cooling system has been ordered. Some of the pipes will be replaced when the pump is installed.

We are still in the process of digitizing the Disseminator, using the equipment at Rice Library. Thanks to Jennifer Greene for facilitating this project.

Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick were here continuing the Indiana State Museum's Curatorial Outreach.

I attended a webinar this morning covering all the new procedures and policies for the State Library Report.