

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on September 19, 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 Director Ryan Rokicki, and Financial Consultant Robert Bernardin.

Minutes of the August 15, 2024, meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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

Robert Bernardin then gave the annual review of investments. A motion made by Nathan Maudlin proposed the allocation of \$250,000 from the Johnson Trust (Vanguard account) to establish a new account. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- Kunstfest Book Sale will be September 21st and 22nd.
- The last FWMI lecture of 2024 will be November 14 at 6:30 p.m. Zack Garcia will speak about Wesselman Woods.
- We have two people that have agreed to conduct lectures in 2025. Kelly Morgan from the Indiana State Sites and Dr. Matt Rebeck.

In Old Business-

- Archive expansion update: Glen Kalley of Patterson-Pope was here two weeks ago for a second meeting. This meeting was to go over some of the drawings he completed from the calculations that were provided by WMI staff.
- Harry Hawkins Mural Restoration update: Paul Plaschke's estimate to repair and restore the Hawkins mural is \$13,593. McCaughen and Burr of St. Louis, Missouri submitted an estimate of \$34,000. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to hire Paul Plaschke for the Harry Hawkins Mural Restoration project. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

New Business-

- Audio Video Upgrade and New State Requirements: On July 1, 2025, there will be changes to the rules and regulations for meetings. Live streaming will be required for remote meetings, and additional upgrading of the audio-video equipment is necessary.
- The Trustees passed a resolution related to the annual E-rate for 2025. 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.

- The October Membership Meeting will include the election of trustees. There are five vacancies in the membership.
- Connie Weinzapfel requested permission to purchase more furniture for the lecture hall. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to authorize up to \$5,000 for the purchase of new furniture. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

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

Director's Report September 19, 2024

Jim Brown has removed the tree between the WMI and Murphy Auditorium.

Mike Linderman gave a lecture about the historical sites of Angel Mounds on August 21st at 6:30 p.m. There were forty-two people in attendance.

Kiwanis Story Time occurred on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Tamara Allison read *Be a Tree* by Maria Gianferrari. Twelve children attended. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on Thursday, **September 26**, at 6:30 p.m. Tracee Foley will read *Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes* by James Dean.

Pre-School Story Time began on August 22, 2024. We have had approximately six children each week. The first round will conclude on October 3, 2024.

Senator Mike Braun's staff used the WMI for mobile office hours on **August 28** from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The New Harmony Garden Club hosted an Invasive Plant Lecture and Golf Cart tour on August **28** at 5:00 p.m. There were Twenty-seven patrons in attendance.

Joni Mayhan was here on **September 4** promoting her new **book**, *New Harmony Ghost Stories*. There were thirty-seven patrons in attendance.

Elenor Rust and Tristra Newyear held their lecture about their podcast *Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical* on Thursday, **September 5** at 6:30 p.m. There were forty-two attendees.

The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was held on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. A big thank you to everyone who attended.

Last week I attended the American Association of State and Local History conference in Mobile, Alabama.

The seventh episode of the 8-episode podcast *Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical* was released on September 11.

Jennifer Green gave a lecture on vintage clothing last night. Six people attended.

Happe Construction will be here tomorrow to begin the work on the rafter.