

Working Men's Institute Members Meeting~ January 23, 2024

Dan Busler called the Membership Meeting to order. Seventeen (17) active members answered roll call. Others in attendance were Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and Friends President Jeanne Maudlin.

Minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting were distributed prior to this evening's meeting. Jan Kahle moved to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Diana Davis seconded. Approved

Connie Weinzapfel moved to suspend the reading of the Trustee's minutes and accept them as presented. Ann Angle-Garrett seconded. Approved.

Tamara Allison presented the Treasurer's Report. Nathan Maudlin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and hold it for Audit. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

Secretary's Report~ None

FWMI Report-

- Everyone at this evening's meeting should have received a schedule for the 2024 FWMI Lecture Series. Attached to the schedule is a letter explaining some changes to our organization's policies.

Personnel Report~ None

Long-Range Planning~ None

Special Projects~

- We are in preliminary talks with the Lilly Endowment about archive expansion.
- The library has received a grant from the Posey County Community Foundation to develop a STEM area. Although we did not receive the full amount, we are grateful for a generous donation from Tom Cochran that will allow us to purchase the necessary items to build the area. The STEM section will be in the southwest corner of the library, and we are planning to hold a dedication ceremony during the first weekend of March. Additionally, we will be introducing two new children's programs in March. On the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., either Tamara Allison or Jean Kares will lead STEM Story Time, which will include a STEM story and a related craft or game. On the second Thursday of each month, we will host Meet a STEM Career, where someone with a STEM career will give a brief lecture about their career path.

Membership~ There is a potential opening in Membership due to tonight's absences.

Old Business~ None

New Business~ None

Director's Report~

- Peggy Taylor's weaving classes titled "Weaving Through Time" took place October 19 and 26 as well as November 2, 9, and 16. Her weaving camp began December 27th, and ran until Friday, December 29th. There were approximately eighteen attendees each day. This grant funded two separate classes. We will be applying for additional funding for future events.
- Purdue Graduate Student Alexandra Adams introduced Cropscape, a free visual tool for High-resolution landcover data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Wednesday October 25, at 6:30 p.m. She had ten patrons attend.
- On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Bishop Mumford presented "Farming in the 21st Century here in Posey County: Precision, Sustainability, Profitability and Where We Fit In." This was the last FWMI presentation of 2023. This program highlighted agriculture in Posey County in the 21st century. There were forty-seven patrons in attendance.
- Thanks to Chuck Minette for his printing services for FWMI material.
- Linda Volz, in collaboration with Hoosier Salon, hosted an artist workshop on November 8th. There with sixteen people in attendance.
- On Sunday, November 12, the *Daughters of the American Revolution* (DAR) held their annual awards ceremony at the WMI. They presented the WMI with a book titled "Vietnam War 50th Commemoration-A Time to Honor." Katie Reineke accepted the book on behalf of the WMI.
- Indiana Poet Laureate, Matthew Graham, held a lecture at the WMI on November 16, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Graham, a highly regarded literary figure with an impressive list of accomplishments, brought in about thirty people.
- The Kiwanis Story Time event took place on October 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The book *Hallo-Weiner* by Dav Pilkey was read by Katie and Willow Kimball. Sixteen children attended the event. Shannon DeLap read *How to Catch a Snowman* by Adam Wallace on December 28th at 6 p.m. Ten children attended the event. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on January 25. Ann Rains will be reading her book *Millie's Missing Egg*.
- Tamara Allison started Pre-School Story Time on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This event is a little different than Peggy Meyers. You must register for this event which will be held on the following dates: January 11,18,25 and February 1,15,22,29.
- We would like to thank Jeane Maudlin, the Janiks and Janey Frashier for their help with the Christmas decorations.
- The Christmas open house was a tremendous success! We had seventy attendees, and we deeply appreciate everyone who made the event spectacular.
- On Saturday, December 2nd, Santa and Candyland brought four hundred patrons to the WMI.
- Our "12 Holiday Stories" Facebook event was a success! Peggy Meyer had the most views with 421, Anthony Rideout was second with 215 views, and Diane Sanders was third with 188 views. A big thank you to all this year's participants.
- Gary Barnes and Rod Clark undecorating
- Nov 19 Arts and History celebration
- Allen Howey from ideology.biz was here last Thursday to shoot video footage for the new website. He will be back Thursday evening to shoot Children's program footage.

- Gabby Knight from ATA was here in December to show the new treasurer, Tamara Allison, our accounting practices. Our new secretary, Christine Crews, and I were also there to learn more about those practices as well.
- All necessary repairs have been completed on the damaged rafter. However, there have been recommended repairs in a few other areas, which shall be undertaken as a separate project. I have requested Happe provide an estimate for these repairs.
- Andy Batt will host "How to Photograph and Enjoy the Solar Eclipse" at the WMI on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. He will provide tips for capturing shots of the eclipse using iPhones, Androids, and professional gear. Examples will be provided.

With no further business, Charles Huck made a motion to adjourn. Nathan Maudlin seconded. The meeting was adjourned.