

Working Men's Institute Members Meeting~ October 19, 2021

Fred Frayser called the budget adoption meeting to order. No patrons were in attendance. Our operating budget figure for 2022 is \$269,800. Charles Huck made the motion to accept the budget of \$269,800. Jan Kahle seconded. Approved. The budget adoption meeting was then adjourned.

Dan Busler called the Membership Meeting to order. Sixteen (16) active members answered roll call.

Minutes of the July 20, 2021 Membership meeting were distributed prior to this evening's meeting. Jan Kahle moved to suspend the reading of the membership minutes and accept as presented. Diana Davis seconded. Approved.

Tom Cullum made a motion to suspend the reading of the Board of Trustees' minutes and accept them as presented. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Fred Frayser reported that the last few months have been busy with the Roof Restoration Project. We received the funds from Indiana Landmarks preservation fund for \$50,000. We have another \$50,000 that has been approved but the money will not be released until the project is complete. The Efroymsen Family Fund \$50,000 challenge match is still about \$7,000 short. Connie and Ryan met with Smither Roofing representative Russ Love via Zoom last week. They will be potentially setting up in late February or early March to begin the restoration of the roof. There will be samples of the slate at the reception that will be held October 29, 2021 at the WMI.

We have received a new sculpture here at the WMI, a gift from Dr. and Mrs. George Rapp. It resides on the southwest lawn. It was made by Patrick McDonald.

Fred Frayser presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and hold for audit was made by Nathan Maudlin. Mike Axton seconded. Accepted.

Secretary's Report ~ none

FWMI Report was given by Jeanne Maudlin.

WMI Committee Reports:

Personnel-None

Long-Range Planning-None

Special Projects-None

Membership- None

Old Business ~ none

New Business ~The slate for officers for 2022 was presented: President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tom Cullum, Trustee

Tamara Allison, and Speaker Dan Busler. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. The 2022 slate of officers was approved.

#### Director's Report ~

- We have made a return to in person events in the past few months. Our Summer Reading Program began on July 5, 2021. We had forty children over the course of six weeks.
- The Farmer's Market is going strong. We have had weekends with four hundred people attending.
- The New Harmony Music Festival and School held their annual music festival July 7-11, 2021. The WMI hosted two pop-up concerts and a movie. We had about thirty people per event.
- The New Harmony Dulcimer company held a concert at the WMI on August 8 and 9, 2021. There were 25 people in attendance on the 8th and 30 on the 9th.
- Bill Clevelin was here September 11, 2021 promoting his new book "Finding the American Dream." There were ten patrons in attendance. A big thank you to Ken and Peggy Meyer for organizing this event.
- Archaeologist Mike Strezweski presented "An Excellent House of Private Entertainment" on September 15, 2021. This presentation, as well as others, are available on DVD that can be checked out in our library, as well as on YouTube.
- A big thanks to the FWMI for their book sale. We want to thank all the volunteers that helped get that set up.
- The Kiwanis has received funding through the Efroymsen Family Fund to develop a "Story Time" for children here at the WMI. So far for October we have 23 children signed up.
- Our annual Library Report has been reviewed by the Indiana State Library and we are in compliance with the Indiana state regulations regarding libraries.
- The Eight-Legged Calf has been out of the museum for the last year. Last month I made a trip to Minneapolis, MN and retrieved the calf from Gaston's Wildlife Art. This was the most difficult specimen on which they have ever worked. Robert Ratcliff is constructing a display case for this specimen. It will go back on display soon.

With no other business, Ted Moore moved to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.