
BOT Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute was held on October 16, 2025. Attendees included President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and Jan Kahle, Archive Project Manager. Vice-President Nathan Maudlin was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on September 18, 2025, were sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made a motion to approve the minutes. Fred Frayser seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept and hold for audit, Tamara Allison seconded. The motion carried.

Friends of the WMI-None

Old Business

Archive Expansion Update – We had productive meetings with JGA and Browning Day within the last week. Jonathan Hess and Ted Grossnickle have been able to communicate directly regarding the coordination of their respective efforts. Mr. Hess should have a conceptual cost model by early November.

Owen/Maclure 200th - The committee continues to meet regularly and is currently focused on developing the website and scheduling programs. The opening event will be in January 2026 with the Conference being held in November of 2026.

New Business

Audio-Visual-We have a quote from Quest-4 in the amount of \$20,602.38 for the upgrade of our audio-visual equipment. It was agreed that this estimate did not address all the needs for an upgraded system. Ryan will continue to work with Quest-4 and others suppliers for a proper solution.

Actuators for air handlers-There are two actuators that HF Refrigeration needs to replace in order for our heating and cooling system to function properly and efficiently. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to move forward with the replacement of the actuators. Christine Crews seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director's Report

Presented by Ryan Rokicki

Program Highlights

- The Kiwanis Story Time event was held on Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Suzy Schuette reading *Corgiville Fair* by Tasha Tudor to six children.
- Bill McKenzie presented the second part of his lecture series *Inner Vision Part 2: Jungian Insights in Popular Culture*, on Wednesday, September 24. Thirty-one patrons were in attendance.
- Kunstfest book sale brought 275 patrons to the library on Saturday, September 20, and 126 on Sunday, September 21. (These totals are library only)
- Twenty-three board members from the Green County Art Council and the Putnam County Museum toured the WMI on Wednesday, September 24.
- Peggy Taylor's Utopian Vision: Creating a Nature Journal program began on September 11 with sixteen students attending each week. The final class will be on October 23. Funded by the Indiana Arts Commission.
- The Perry County library was here on Monday, October 13. Twenty people were present.

Staff and Administration

- Trustees whose terms are up are Connie Weinzapfel, Tamara Allison, and Christine Crews. I will be contacting the nominating committee.
- I will be sending out a special Membership Insider.

Facilities and Maintenance

- Chris Koester has been in and done some repair work. He has pressure-washed the front steps and been working on the display case that will feature a mural by Linda Volz.
- HF Refrigeration was here and replaced the pipes for the chillers.

Upcoming Events

- October 21 – Quarterly Membership Meeting. Linda Warrum will hold a short presentation.
- October 23 – Kiwanis Story Time, with Jeanne Maudlin reading *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert.
- October 30-November 20-Pre-school Storytime resumes.

- November 5-FWMI lecture-Amy Koch and Brandi Perry, Executive Director and Administrator from the Charles Ford Home, present *There is a Difference Between Living and Living Well*.
- November 11-Ben Angel is hosting a training class for Locable.
- September 9 – UNIV101: Soar to Success at the University of Southern Indiana, where we are partnering with Kiwanis to provide cookies to the incoming freshmen
- September 24 – A tour for Board Members from the Green County Art Council and the Putnam County Museum

Claims

Mr. Rokicki presented the claims. Christine Crews moved to accept the claims, and Connie Weinzapfel seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Connie Weinzapfel moved to adjourn the meeting, and Christine Crews seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.