
BOT Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute was held on July 17, 2025. Attendees included President Fred Frayser, Vice-President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Friends of the WMI President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Members not in attendance included Trustee Connie Weinzapfel.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on July 17, 2025, were sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel requested that her motion regarding the archives project be corrected to include, "to use the remaining \$6,000 of the planning grant proposal for a project manager." Nathan Maudlin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Tamara Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit, Christine Crews seconded. The motion carried.

Friends of the WMI

Jeanne Maudlin stated that as the archive expansion project moves forward, keep the FWMI in mind as a possible donor. Our treasurer has devised a plan to help track the sales of our merchandise. She has provided WMI staff members with a receipt book and a zippered pouch for cash sales. These sales are for T-shirts, ornaments, and book bags, and will exclude book sales which are kept in a separate pouch.

Old Business

Archive Expansion Update – We have made our official application for a \$50,000 planning grant from the Lilly Endowment. Leah Seigel confirmed its submission and informed us that it will be approximately six weeks before we have a decision. On Tuesday, September 2, Mr. Grossnickle will be here for an informal meeting and view the facility.

Owen/Maclure 200th - The committee continues to meet regularly. We have finished the colored logo and are now working on content for exhibits and publicity for the website.

By-Laws update- The By-laws Committee met on July 29. The proposed amendment will be presented at the October Quarterly Membership Meeting.

New Business

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Director's Report

Presented by Ryan Rokicki

Program Highlights

- The Kiwanis Story Time event was held on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Tamara Allison reading *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale* by Verna Aardema to seven children.
- Our Summer Reading Program, "Color Our World," concluded on July 31. The grand prize was awarded to Rowan Bushur. We would like to thank all the participants for their enthusiasm.
- On July 23, Ben Angel delivered an engaging composting lecture, which drew a crowd of forty attendees.
- Saturday, July 26, Stanley Campbell held a watercolor workshop at the WMI. Eight patrons attended.

Facilities and Maintenance

- Thanks to a generous donation from Michael Guard, the sidewalk lamp posts have been freshly repainted.
- The fountain pump has stopped functioning. Eric Janik will coordinate the installation of a new replacement pump soon.

Staff and Administration

- Gabby Knight from ATA has accepted another position. We are now transitioning accounting responsibilities to Tonya Clevedence and Anna Wagoner. Tonya, who previously served in this role during our transition from Julia to Gabby, already has valuable familiarity with our accounts.
- The annual Budget Workshop was attended yesterday, along with Robert Norris from the Department of Local Government Finance. The General Operating Budget for 2026 is set at \$318,500.
- The Field Museum in Chicago has contacted us about a few of our canine skulls. I have supplied them with measurements and dimensions, and there may be a need for future research.

Library Services and Grants

- Kanopy streaming services will soon be available for all Libby/OverDrive users, going live on September 1.

- We have been awarded a \$3,175 Arts Project Support Grant from the Indiana Arts Commission to support Peggy Taylor's upcoming classes titled "Utopian Vision: Creating a Nature Journal."

Upcoming Events

- August 23 – Pencil Workshop with Stanley Campbell
- August 27 – Bill McKenzie Inner Vision: The Transformative Ideas of Carl Jung
- August 28 – Preschool Story Time
- August 28 – Kiwanis Story Time, with Janet Lorence reading The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle
- September 7 – NHGCA hosts Shauta Marsh from Big Car Collaborative for the Social Alchemy Project
- 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. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the claims, and Christine Crews seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Nathan Maudlin moved to adjourn the meeting, and Christine Crews seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.