
BOT Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute was held on June 19, 2025. Attendees included President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Vice President Nathan Maudlin was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on May 15, 2025, were sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which Tamara Allison seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

Friends of the WMI

Christine Crews Reported

The bi-annual book sale was held June 14 and 15 . The Friends made \$800 at the Sale and an additional \$150 from the book cart.

July 4 is the Independence Day celebration at the Ateneum. Andrew Wilson is the keynote speaker, while Karen Moser will be reciting the Declaration of Independence.

Old Business

Archive Expansion Update - Ryan Rokicki, Connie Weinzapfel, and Tamara Allison met with Amy Smith and Jill Carpenter from the Posey County Community Foundation, along with Marsh Davis, on May 29 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss funding opportunities for the project. We have agreed to keep them up to date with the progression of this project. Other suggestions from Mr. Davis were mentioned.

We also had a Zoom meeting with Ted Grossnickle, a fundraising consultant from Indianapolis, to gauge his interest in this project as well. He would be beneficial to the project to help find funding resources and the case statement.

Jonathon Hess, an architect from Browning Day, will be in town next week to have a meeting and take a tour of the WMI. We also hope to gain his interest in the project.

Connie Weinzapfel moved to authorize Director Ryan Rokicki to spend up \$20,000 to support the programming for the bicentennial of Maclure/Owen, which Christine Crews seconded. The motion carried.

New Business

President Fred Frayser requested that Director Ryan Rokicki set up training for the AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

The unfortunate passing of Tom Cochran has left an opening in our membership.

Directors Report

Ryan Rokicki Reported

The Kiwanis Story Time event took place on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. Shannon DeLap read the book *Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Last Day of School* by Julie Gassman to three children.

New Harmony Farmers and Artisans Market, presented by the WMI, opened May 17. Market operating hours are from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

The New Harmony Project held a “Silent Write” at the WMI on May 24 & 25.

Dr. Bill Elliott and one of his students visited yesterday to continue researching the Sampson Collection.

The Indiana State Museum's Curatorial Outreach was here continuing their research June 1-6.

We have some new passes to various sites in the area. Along with our current passes to Mesker Park Zoo and the Indiana Historical Society, we now offer passes to Wesselman Woods, the Evansville Museum, and upgraded State Park Passes that now include the Adventure Backpack Program.

Josh Lamb was here on June 10 and repaired the lights in the library.

I attended the Southeastern Indiana Regional Director's Roundtable on June 16.

Hope McLeod is the 2025 recipient of the Arlene Feiner Research grant.

Upcoming Events Include:

June 26- Posey County Soil & Water Conservation will read a book to kick off the *Color Our World* Summer Reading Program.

June 26- Kiwanis Story Time Tracee Foley is scheduled to read *Pig the Rebel* by Aaron Blabey.

June 28-Janey Frayser will read a book for the Firefly Festival.

July 2-Composting Program

July 4-Independence Day Celebration at the Atheneum. Andrew Wilson will be the keynote speaker. Karen Moser will read the Declaration of Independence.

July 15-Membership Meeting at 7 p.m.

Claims

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

Adjournment

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