
BOT Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute was held on May 15, 2025. Attendees included Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. President Fred Frayser attended by phone and Trustee Connie Weinzapfel was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on April 17, 2025, were sent electronically. Christine Crews made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which Tamara Allison seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Christine Crews moved to accept the March 20, 2025, Treasurer's Report and hold it for audit, which Tamara Allison seconded. The motion carried.

Tamara Allison then presented the April 17, 2025, Treasurer's Report. Christine Crews moved to accept the report and hold it for audit, which Tamara Allison seconded. The motion carried.

Friends of the WMI

June 14 and 15 are the bi-annual book sale dates. The Friends will be setting up on Thursday, June 12.

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

Ryan Rokicki, Connie Weinzapfel, and Tamara Allison will meet with Amy Smith and Jill Carpenter from the Posey County Community Foundation and Community Foundation Alliance respectfully, along with Marsh Davis on May 29 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss possible opportunities for funding for the archive expansion. There will be a report from this meeting at next month's BOT meeting.

Tamara Allison discussed doing a program at the WMI in January, 2026 to mark the anniversary of William Maclure's arrival to New Harmony. Ryan is on the Owen-Maclure Bicentennial Committee and such an event is certainly a possibility. Ryan will report on the committee's progress as plans develop.

New Business

This year's non-resident Fee will need to be increased from \$301.67 to \$374.40 to satisfy Indiana State Library standards. Christine Crews made a motion to increase the non-resident fee to \$375.00, which Tamara Allison seconded. The motion carried.

Directors Report

Ryan Rokicki Reported

The Kiwanis Story Time event took place on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Kelsey Georgesen read the book *Obiyoyo* by Pete Seeger to seven children.

On April 30, a lecture and golf cart tour focusing on invasive plants was held at the WMI. Twelve patrons attended.

Heritage Artisans Days and the First Brush of Spring took place from April 23 to 25.

Dr. Matt Rebeck held his FWMI Lecture *Astronomy and Astrophotography Taking a Trip Through the Cosmos From Your Back Yard* on Tuesday, May 13 with 40 patrons in attendance.

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

The ArchIvory project team from Indiana State University is studying ivory in museums and archival collections. Past Perfect Online notified them of items in our collection that contain ivory.

We have received two summary proposals for the Arlene Feiner Grant. Both were invited to submit full proposals.

The Indiana State Museum's Curatorial Outreach will visit in early June for research. I am arranging lodging.

HF Refrigeration has replaced the pump on the HVAC system. They also need to replace some associated piping.

The Owen-Maclure Bicentennial Committee convened once again to deliberate on the upcoming events and activities aimed at commemorating the Owen-Maclure experience next year.

Upcoming Events Include:

May 17-New Harmony Farmers and Artisans Market Presented by the WMI opening day. Market operating hours are from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

May 22- Kiwanis Story Time Shannon DeLap is scheduled to read *Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Last Day of School* by Julie Gassman.

May 24 & 25-The New Harmony Project will have a “Silent Write” at the WMI.

May 30-Full Proposals for Arlene Feiner Grant due.

Claims

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

Adjournment