
BOT Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2025

Budget Hearing

The Budget Hearing for 2026 was called to order by Mr. Frayser. No members of the public were in attendance, so no questions were offered. Mr. Frayser then adjourned the Budget Hearing. The Budget Adoption will be held on October 21, 2025, at the quarterly meeting.

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute was held on September 18, 2025. Attendees included President Fred Frayser, Vice-President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and WMI Member Jan Kahle. Members not in attendance included Treasurer Tamara Allison.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on August 21, 2025, were sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin made a motion to approve the minutes. Christine Crews seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

Nathan Maudlin made a motion to move \$70,000 out of the actively managed account to the general operating fund. Connie Weinzapfel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Friends of the WMI

Upcoming FWMI Events:

September 20 & 21- Kunstfest Booksale at the WMI set up will be on Friday, September 19, at 1 p.m. and taken down on Sunday, September 21, at 3:30 p.m.

November 5- Annual Meeting

November 5- Brandi Perry and Amy Koch will present the next FWMI LECTURE-*There is a Difference Between Living and Living Well.*

Old Business

Archive Expansion Update –Our official application for a \$50,000 planning grant from the Lilly Endowment was approved. Jan Kahle has taken the role of project manager.

Owen/Maclure 200th - The committee continues to meet regularly. We are now working on exhibit/website content.

New Business

The Trustees passed a resolution related to the annual E-rate for 2026. As per the regulations set by the State, we need to pass a resolution every year to "Join Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access" to be reimbursed for the internet service costs. Nathan Maudlin made a motion to accept the E-rate resolution. Christine Crews seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Trustees passed a resolution to dissolve the roof fund. Christine Crews made a motion to dissolve the Roof Fund and any remaining funds be absorbed into the gift fund. Nathan Maudlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director's Report

Presented by Ryan Rokicki

Program Highlights

- Saturday, August 23, Stanley Campbell held a pencil workshop at the WMI. Eight patrons attended.
- On Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30 p.m., Bill McKenzie examined the legacy of one of the most influential intellectuals of the twentieth century in his two-part lecture series about Carl Jung. Twenty-eight patrons attended the first session.
- The Kiwanis Story Time event was held on Thursday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Janet Lorence reading *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle to thirteen children.
- NHGCA hosted Shauta Marsh from Big Car Collaborative for the Social Alchemy Project Sunday, September 7. Fifteen patrons attended.
- UNIV101: Soar to Success at the University of Southern Indiana, was held Tuesday September 9. Thank you to the Kiwanis for providing cookies to the incoming freshmen. (1350 attended)
- New Harmony music enthusiasts had an extraordinary experience with the performance of the celebrated singer, fiddler, and songwriter Sara Milonovich. Renowned for her enchanting fusion of indie alt-grass, folk rock, and American roots music, Milonovich graced the stage at the WMI on Saturday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. Fifty-one people were in attendance. A special thank you to Chris Layer for facilitating this event.
- September 17-23-DAR Constitution Week-Display is located in the foyer.
- October 25-November 2 Peggy Fisherkeller and her team will be here conducting research for the Curatorial Outreach Program.

Facilities and Maintenance

- Thanks to Michael Guard and his team for painting the sidewalk lamp posts and the base of the historical marker.
- Chris Koester will be doing some fall maintenance such as caulking the front steps and refinishing the elevator access door.

Staff and Administration

- The Volunteer and Staff picnic will be Sunday September 28th at 4:30 pm.

Library Services and Grants

- Kanopy streaming services are now available for all Libby/OverDrive users.
- Hope McLeod, this year's recipient of the Lena Feiner grant, is here doing research for her grant project on the Parke Quartet.
- Starting October 2, we will launch a Halloween-themed program featuring five stories, posted every Thursday on Facebook and Instagram throughout October. Volunteers are welcome!

Upcoming Events

- September 20,21 – FWMI book sale
- September 24 – A tour for Board Members from the Greencastle Arts Council and the Putnam County Museum
- September 24 – Bill McKenzie Inner Vision: The Transformative Ideas of Carl Jung part 2
- September 25, October 2 – Preschool Story Time
- September 25 – Kiwanis Story Time, with Suzy Schuette reading *Corgiville Fair* by Tasha Tudor
- September 18, 25, October 3, 10, 17- Peggy Taylor's *Utopian Vision: Creating a Nature Journal*. Patrons will learn to sketch flowers and plant forms while enjoying the gardens and green spaces of New Harmony! Funded by the Indiana Arts Commission
- September 27-DAR Genealogy workshop 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- October 13-Perry County Public Library Staff Day
- October 16-BOT Meeting
- October 21-Membership Meeting

Claims

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

Adjournment