
BOT Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute was held on February 20, 2025. Attendees included President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Friends of the WMI President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Members not in attendance included Christine Crews.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on January 16, 2025, were sent out electronically. Tamara Allison made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which Nathan Maudlin seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

Friends of the WMI

Friends President Jeanne Maudlin reported that the brochures for the 2025 Lecture Series have been sent out. The first lecture will be on March 18. Kelly Morgan of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites will present on the Indigenous Earthworks of the Harmonist Cemetery.

Old Business

Ryan Rokicki and Tamara Allison met with Leah Seigel from the Lilly Endowment via Zoom on Tuesday, February 18, to follow up on their earlier meeting in February. Ms. Seigel indicated that the Endowment would be "open" to providing \$50,000 for a planning grant and suggested the WMI reach out to potential architects and fund raising consultants. The trustees then decided on meeting with project committee member Marsh Davis for further suggestions on how to proceed.

The WMI has considered switching from Fifth-Third Bank to Heritage Federal Credit Union. However, as Heritage Federal is not a State-approved depository, this is not an option at this time.

New Business

The Bylaws Committee chaired by Mr. Maudlin is scheduled to meet on March 11, 2025.

Tamara Allison commended Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap for showing outstanding patience and compassion during a recent interaction with a challenging patron.

Directors Report

Presented by Ryan Rokicki

The Kiwanis Story Time event was held on Thursday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. During this session, Donna Creek read the book *Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette* by Selene Castrovilla. Eight children were in attendance. On February 27, Debra Johnson is scheduled to read *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon.

The most recent STEM Story Time was held on February 13; however, there was no attendance.

Peggy Taylor held winter weaving classes on February 1, 8, and 15. Twelve students participated in each class from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The looms have been cleared from the Research Room.

Ben Angel generously donated a flatbed scanner to the WMI. Melora is currently using it to digitize the local history files.

The Posey County Community Foundation utilized the Maclure Room for a meeting on Wednesday, February 12th. They have scheduled an additional meeting for Monday, February 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members of the organization will also take part in a private tour.

Allen Howie has rescheduled his lecture titled "Social Media for Businesses." The new date for this presentation is February 25 at 6:30 p.m.

I have been overseeing the editorial revisions for this year's printed visitors guide for Visit New Harmony.

Shannon and I are continuing our work on the State Library Report. Additionally, I am still working with Gabby from ATA on preparing the Annual Financial Report.

Upcoming Events Include:

-February 28: Anna Tsouhlarakis Artist Talk for Encountering at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

- March 6: Mosquitos, Biology, and Control- Doug Ginder, the Southern Medical Entomologist for the Indiana Department of Health, will be available to discuss the different types of mosquitoes and the various methods employed for their control. I will write an article about this event for the Posey County News.

- March 12: Rebecca May Hope, the recipient of the Feiner Grant, will give her lecture titled "Women of Paradise: Legacy of the Female Boatloaders."

- March 26: There will be a performance by the University of Evansville jazz ensemble.

Claims

Mr. Rokicki presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment