

The Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute met on January 16, 2025.

The Board of Finance meeting was called to order by President Fred Frayser. The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers for the Board, establish a depository, and set the day and time of the monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Nathan Maudlin proposed a motion to keep the officers the same as the Board of Trustees, while also maintaining our current depository and meeting times. (5/3 Bank with Heritage Federal Credit Union as possible option and 4:45 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.) Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

The Board of Finance meeting was then adjourned.

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance included President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Christine Crews, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap.

The minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting had been sent out electronically. Nathan Maudlin made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Tamara Allison. The motion was approved.

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

FWMI-

- Christine Crews reported that the FWMI Board met Monday to confirm the speakers for the 2025 FWMI lecture Series. Kelly Morgan from the Indiana State Museum will speak March 18, 2025. Matt Rebeck will speak on May 13th. Sagamore of the Wabash Award recipient, Andrew Wilson will be the Keynote Speaker for the Independence Day celebration. The final lecture will feature Stanley Madison of Lyles Station. The date for his lecture has not yet been determined.
- Laura Lyons has joined the FWMI Board.

In Old Business-

- Archive Expansion -Ryan Rokicki and Tamara Allison held a Zoom meeting with Leah Seigel from the Lilly Endowment. During the meeting, Mrs. Allison and Ryan outlined the collection and storage requirements for the project, explaining that they are seeking a planning grant that would involve hiring an architect and a project manager. However, Ms. Seigel recommended that instead of a project manager for the planning phase, it would be more beneficial to consider hiring someone to conduct a feasibility study as well as a fundraising consultant. Ms. Seigel is going to consult with her colleagues and another meeting will be scheduled.

New Business-

- Fred Frayser asked that the Trustees consider the revision of the by-laws.

- Lights for Mural -The current lighting for the Harry Hawkins Mural needs updating as it is not the proper type of illumination for the art display. Josh Lamb has this project on his winter schedule.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Director's Report January 16, 2024

Kiwanis Story Time was held on Thursday, December 26, at 6:30 p.m. Tamara Allison read *The Days After Christmas* by Maggie C. Rudd. Seven Children were in attendance. January 23 Donna Creek will read *Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette* by Selene Castrovilla.

STEM Storytime was canceled due to the weather. Jean Kares donated *Something Shiny*, *Something Round* by Julie Goulis and John Ferguson, along with a STEM toy, to our regular attendees.

The winter session of Pre-school Storytime began today and will continue every Thursday morning until February 27th.

Despite weather-related cancellations, the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art hosted a lecture on January 11, 2025. The lecture focused on *Infinite Gauge* by Mackenzie Goodman and Adam Stacey. Twelve patrons attended. The exhibit runs until February 22nd.

Peggy Taylor will host her upcoming weaving classes on February 1, 8, and 15. Classes will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. After these classes are finished the looms will be vacated from the study room.

I have a Southeastern Indiana Regional Directors meeting tomorrow morning at EVPL.

I have started working with Gabby at ATA on the annual Financial Report.

Shannon and I have started the annual State Library report.

The Christmas decorations will be taken down this Sunday.

Upcoming Events:

- February 11: Allen Howie will host a lecture about using social media For Businesses.
- March 6: A lecture on mosquitoes will take place.
- March 12: Rebecca May Hope, the recipient of the Feiner Grant, will give her lecture.
- March 26: There will be a performance by a jazz ensemble.