
Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The quarterly meeting of the Membership for the Working Men's Institute was held on July 15, 2025. Twenty-two members were in attendance. Additionally, Director Ryan Rokicki, Friends of the WMI President Jeanne Maudlin, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap were present at the meeting.

Special Presentations

Charles Bandy gave a short presentation on home servers.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the membership meeting on April 15, 2025, were sent out electronically. Dan Busler made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented, which Christine Crews seconded. The motion carried.

Mike Axton made a motion to suspend the reading of the Board of Trustees minutes and accept them as presented, which Stanley Campbell seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Dan Busler moved to accept and hold the Treasurer's Report as presented for audit, Jan Kahle seconded, and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

No Report

Friends of the WMI

Given by Jeanne Maudlin

We had a great Book sale in June, with a profit of \$853 from the sale and \$177 from the Book Cart.

We want to thank everyone who came to the Independence Day celebration. The friends have delivered a check for six months of overdrive and \$100 for the summer reading program to our Director, Ryan Rokicki.

Upcoming FWMI Events:

September 20 & 21-Kunstfest Booksale at the WMI

November 5- Annual Meeting

November 5- Brandi Perry and Amy Koch FWMI LECTURE-There is a Difference Between Living and Living Well.

Committee Reports

Personnel: No Report

Long-range Planning: No Report

Special Projects: Archive Expansion project continues. We are nearly prepared to meet with Lilly to secure the \$50,000 planning grant.

Membership: There is one opening available in the membership.

Old Business

Amended By-laws update: The membership voted against the by-law change that stated, "In the event that the New Harmony Working Men's Institute dissolves, any non-public money under the control of the Working Men's Institute shall be donated to another charitable organization to be determined by the Board of Trustees." The revised amendment will be read at the October 21, 2025, meeting

New Business

No New Business

Directors' Report Presented by Ryan Rokicki

Kiwanis Story Time is still going strong! Kelsey Georgesen read *Abiyoyo* by Pete Seeger on April 24 to seven children. Shannon DeLap read *Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Last Day of School* by Julie Gassman to three children on May 22. Ryan Rokicki read *Pig the Rebel* by Aaron Blabey to three children on June 26. Tamara Allison will read *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* by Verna Aardema on July 24.

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.

New Harmony Farmers and Artisans Market, presented by the WMI, opened May 17. It has expanded this season and is now offering more homemade and artisan items. Market operating hours are from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

On June 28, Janey Frayser read *The Very Lonely Firefly* by Eric Carle for the Firefly Festival.

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.

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

Upcoming Events Include:

July 18 to Aug 9- Art Show

July 23- Ben Angel's Composting Program

July 24-Summer Reading-Music is Everywhere

July 26-Watercolor workshop with Stanley Campbell.

July 31-Summer Reading closing program

Adjournment

Charles Huck made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which Tom Stahl seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was then adjourned