
BOT Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute was held on November 20, 2025. Attendees included President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Archive Expansion Project Manager Jan Kahle, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Members not in attendance included Vice-President Nathan Maudlin.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting were sent electronically. Tamara Allison made a motion to approve the minutes. Christine Crews seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Friends of the WMI No Report

Old Business

Archive Expansion Update – Jan Kahle reported that the committee had a meeting earlier today with JGA to review the potential donor list.

Owen/Maclure 200th – The committee continues to meet regularly. Ryan Rokicki has agreed to do the exhibits. The opening event, *Boatload of Knowledge at 200*, is Saturday, January 24, at 2 p.m. February 11, Rod Clark -*The Places That Shaped Robert Owens' Vision*-6:30 p.m.

Audio/ Visual Equipment update- Amy from Midwest Systems was here today and brought a new microphone. Last month, they were here and did a system check. They confirmed that there are a couple of speakers that are not working. The new microphone has fixed some of the audio issues. They are working on a quote for a complete rebuild.

New Business

End of year Transfers-Christine Crews made the motion to authorize Ryan to make any necessary end-of-year transfers within budget line items required by the Department of Local Government Finance. Tamara Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Frayser then suspended the public portion of the meeting to enter an executive session to discuss the 2026 salary schedule.

Director's Report

Presented by Ryan Rokicki

Program Highlights

- The Kiwanis Story Time event was held on Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Jean Kares reading *A Plump and Perky Turkey* by Teresa Bateman to six children. Tonight, Jean will be reading *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg.
- December 2-Docey Lewis presented her lecture about an upcoming trip to Scotland to 12 patrons.
- December 3-Bill McKenzie presented *The Cup that Heals the World: The Grail as a Transformative Symbol* to twenty-one patrons.
- December 5-WMI Christmas Open House- eighty patrons attended.
- December 6-Christmas in New Harmony Candyland-647 total (321 Children and 326 Adults)
- December 10- Johnson United Methodist Church held its annual holiday party with 35 patrons attending.

Staff and Administration

- I attended the Southeastern Indiana Regional Director's Roundtable
- Amy from Midwest Systems was here today and replaced the microphone for the Audio system.
- There was an incident here last Thursday that required Officer Gonzalez's assistance. A young patron was left here without adult supervision and was unable to reach his caregivers to come pick him up.

Upcoming Events

- WMI Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.
- January 15-Board of Trustees meeting-4:45
- January 20-Quarterly Membership meeting-7 p.m.
- January 24 -Dr. Gerald Gutek- *Boat Load of Knowledge* at 200- 2 p.m.
- February 5,12,19,26-Pre-School Storytime
- February 11-Rod Clark-*The Places That Shaped Robert Owens' Vision*-6:30 p.m.

Claims

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

Adjournment