

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on January 18, 2024.

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 time. (5/3 Bank and 4:45 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.) Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

The Board of Finance meeting was then adjourned.

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, Friends of the WMI President Jeanne Maudlin, and Barb McConnell.

Minutes of the December 21, 2023 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to amend the minutes as presented. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to re-designate the roof restoration account to the Auxiliary Account. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- The brochures for the 2024 FWMI lecture series have been sent out.
- Interpretive signage for the Trench Mortar was discussed as a future project.

In Old Business-

- Library Furniture- Barb McConnell and Connie Weinzapfel visited Alles Bros. Furniture in Mt. Vernon to select a new sofa and chairs for the library. Tamara Allison moved that we order the suggested loveseat and two chairs as presented from Alles Bros. Furniture. The total cost is within the budgeted amount for Furniture & Equipment. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.
- Website- We are continuing to collaborate with Allen Howie from ideology.biz. The new website has undergone further upgrades, resulting in a more welcoming environment. It was suggested that we incorporate more diversity into the video footage by featuring young adults as well as children in the provided clips. Parental consent to use photographs and videos will be needed for children under the age of 18. Ryan will contact Mr. Howie about possibly shooting some more footage next Thursday, January 25, 2024 during Kiwanis Story Time and Yoga with Patty Beagle.
- STEM-Ryan has been working hard to get all the material for the STEM area. Our first STEM Story time event will be March 7, 2024 with a possible grand opening/dedication

ceremony on March 2 or 3. Jean Kares has agreed to assist with the STEM Story time. We will also have a Meet a STEM Career the second Thursday of each month.

- Investment Property-Tamara Allison made the motion that the Board of Trustees allow President Fred Frayser to make an offer on the available lot at West and Steammill Streets for up to \$50,000. If accepted, the funds will be taken from the appropriate investment accounts per the advice of Robert Bernardin. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

In New Business-

- Ryan gave a report on Senate Bill 32, which has been authored by Sens. Jim Tomes and Gary Byrne. If passed, the bill would:
 1. Eliminate the authority of public libraries to impose an ad valorem property tax.
 2. Require libraries to submit their annual budgets to a county or municipal body for approval
 3. Require said county or municipal body to provide the funding for the operation of the library.
 4. Prohibit libraries from providing a service that is "not a core public function of the library" unless specifically listed as a line item of the budget.

Ryan also read the official statement of the Indiana Library Federation, which opposes the bill. He will keep the Board up to date with the status of this bill as information becomes available.

- Trustee Liability-The WMI has been incorporated since March 25, 2010. Our Articles of Incorporation are perpetual, so they do not have to be renewed.
- Archive Expansion- Ryan and Melora have been working on breaking down how much space is needed for expansion. We have concluded that more room is needed for the rolled textiles. We need 250 linear feet for rolled textiles. That includes what has been rolled, what needs to be rolled and 50% for future growth. We are now working on framed works. We have contacted the State Museum's curatorial outreach crew, and they will be helping determine how much drawer space is needed for all of our natural history specimens. Once Ryan has compiled all the numbers, he will contact our representative with Patterson Pope.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. We have two registers this evening. Finishing up 2023 we have a single claim to Bur Oak Tree Service for the planting of three trees. Nathan made the motion to accept the final claim for 2023. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the current month claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report January 18, 2024

Our "12 Holiday Stories" Facebook event was a success! Peggy Meyer had the most views with 421, Anthony Rideout was second with 215 views, and Diane Sanders was third with 188 views. A big thank you to all of this year's participants.

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, December 28th at 6 p.m. Shannon read *How to Catch a Snowman* by Adam Wallace. Ten children attended the event. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on January 25. Ann Rains will be reading her book *Millie's Missing Egg*.

Peggy Taylor's weaving camp began on Wednesday, December 27th, and ran until Friday, December 29th. The classes started each day at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m. There were approximately eighteen attendees each day. This grant funded two separate classes. We will be applying for additional funding for future events.

Tamara Allison has started Pre-School Story Time on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This event is a little different than Peggy Meyers. You must register for this event which will be held on the following dates: January 11,18,25 and February 1,15,22,29.

We have started the Annual Library Report.

Thanks to Gary Barnes and Rod Clark for helping take down the Christmas decorations.

We have started entering submitted events into the Visit New Harmony calendar.

Josh Lamb was here today. Our next project in our lighting upgrades and repairs is the exterior lights.

I will be ordering short sleeved polo shirts with our logo embroidered on them. Please be sure to give me your shirt size before you leave this evening.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on February 15, 2024

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and Friends of the WMI President Jeanne Maudlin.

Minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to amend the minutes as presented. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved. Since the Roof Restoration Project has been completed, Ryan requested that the Roof Project savings account at 5/3 Bank revert back to its purpose as a back-up account for overdraft protection. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to redesignate this account the Auxiliary savings account. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- We have purchased 60 pairs of eclipse glasses. 40 pairs will be given out at the Carlisle Wishard lecture on March 27th.
- Eric Janik will be building a rectangular pad with concrete pavers that match the sidewalk. This will be utilized for the storage of the trash bin.

In Old Business-

- Property at West and Steammill Streets-Mr. Frayser received and signed a purchase agreement from Aaron Wilson. We received that agreement back with a counteroffer. At this time, we have chosen not to move forward with this purchase but will keep it as a future investment idea.
- Bob Johnson Trust-The trust is nearing completion. A meeting at the University of Evansville is being planned for February 28, 2024, for the distribution of funds.

In New Business-

- Virtual Meeting Requirements- Connie Weinzapfel made the motion that the WMI recommit to following the State of Indiana rules for Virtual Meetings as trustees of a public institution. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.
- Deaccession of a museum artifact-The *Battle of Atlanta* McCormick advertising lithograph was recently found in the attic by Melora Adams. This piece from the 1880s is in poor condition and has an unclear provenance. (The lithograph was displayed for the Trustees at time.) Ryan convened the Collections Committee on 2/13 and recommended that the item be deaccessioned and disposed of. The committee (Melora, Linda Warrum, Marlene Huffaker, and Connie Weinzapfel) being in agreement with Ryan's

recommendation, the issue was then brought to the Trustees. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to deaccession and dispose of the *Battle of Atlanta* lithograph committee's request. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report-February 15, 2024

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. Ann Rains read her book *Millie's Missing Egg*. Seven children were in attendance. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on February 22. Tamara Allison will be reading *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost.

Take Zalal, Outreach Conservator from Northeast Document Conservation Center, was here on February 6 to speak to us about the Center's services.

The Eykamp String Quartet held a concert at the WMI on February 8. Over 100 patrons were in attendance. We hope to host other performances of the Evansville Philharmonic in the future.

We would like to thank Mike Axton, Gary Barnes, and Dan Busler for helping the WMI Staff set up our new STEM area.

Andy Batt will host "How to Photograph and Enjoy the Solar Eclipse" at the WMI on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. He will provide tips for capturing shots of the eclipse using iPhones, Androids, and professional gear. Examples will be provided.

I met with Diane Sanders from Historic New Harmony regarding an idea she had about a possible tour during the eclipse.

Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Tristra Newyear will be having a discussion and book signing about her new science fiction and utopia specifically concerning her book series *Starfall* which takes place in New Harmony. Tristra is one of the 2023 recipients of the Lena Feiner Grant. She has reported that her podcast should debut in June.

Archives update: Glen Kalley from Patterson-Pope met with Melora and I via Zoom on February 8. He is excited about our archives project and is committed to helping with this expansion. Our recent calculations of the framed objects are 549.2 sq. feet and adding 50% would require 823.8 sq. feet. Furniture, long objects, and natural history objects are next to be calculated.

Website update: Allen came and filmed updated video content on January 25. These included videos of Kiwanis Story Time, Patty Beagle's yoga class, and some young adults enjoying WMI services. Melora, Shannon and I have a Zoom meeting with Deanna Heuser on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

We are finishing the Annual Library Report that is due Feb 29.

On February 22, 2024, Black Lodge Coffee Roasters will begin "Coffee Talks" twice a month.

Heritage Days are set for April 24, 25, and 26. I will be asking for extra docents for those days.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on March 21, 2024

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap

Minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Connie Weinzapfel then presented the Treasurer's Report. Christine Crews moved to accept and hold for audit. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to take \$50,000 from the endowment for our operating funds. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- Dr. Carlisle Wishard of the Evansville Museum will host our first FWMI lecture next Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. She will be discussing the science behind the upcoming eclipse. The first forty people will receive a pair of eclipse glasses.
- Erik Janik has completed the trash bin pad.
- We have decided not to participate in the upcoming community-wide yard sale.

In Old Business-

- We have received the disbursement from the Bob and Pat Johnson Trust. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to use a portion of the disbursement from the Bob and Pat Johnson Trust to clean the Harry Hawkins mural located in the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.
- The molding for the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge was to be completed last year by Koester Construction. This needs to be completed. We will get a bid from Koesters for this project.

In New Business-

- Connie Weinzapfel has spoken to Karla Atkins at the Town Hall about transferring the town records to the WMI. It was suggested that Ryan stop by the Town Hall and get an idea about how many linear feet are needed for their storage.
- We are taking measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience during the April 8th Solar Eclipse. Camping will not be allowed on the lawn. "No Camping" signs will be made if necessary.
- It is our turn for a compliance review. It is shorter and not as extensive as a regular audit. The auditor will be e-mailing each Board member questionnaire. Completion of this is optional.

- We need a Capital Asset Policy to fulfill a requirement from the State Board of Accounts. We have established our level of capital assets is \$1000; however, it is not highlighted in a policy. We can add this to our Internal Controls Policy. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to change the amount of the capital asset to \$5000 and add it as an amendment to our Internal Controls Policy. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report-March 21, 2024

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Tamara Allison read *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*. Eight children were in attendance. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on March 28th. Andria Barthlow will be reading *How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets* by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague.

Our STEM area dedication and Story Time took place on March 7th. We had six children attend the event. The next STEM Story Time will take place on April 4th.

Mike Axton held his "Meet a STEM career" talk on March 14th. Due to another STEM related program that evening there were no children present. We did have eight adults present. On April 11th Dan Busler will highlight his career as a Pharmaceutical Chemist and Scientist.

Tristra Newyear, an author of historical fantasies and scientific romances, will hold a book signing and discussion on April 4th at 6:30 p.m. She creates stories that transport readers to other worlds by exploring our human and technological relationships and understanding the past. Ms. Newyear has a doctorate in history and area studies and is one of three recipients of the 2023 Lena Feiner Research Grant.

The New Harmony Clay Project will have an artist lecture titled "Narrative Form" at the WMI Tuesday March 26th at 6:00 p.m. This will feature Artists in Residence Autumn McKay, Alex Lewis, and Greg Van Dusseldorp.

On Wednesday March 27th Director of Science Experiences at the Evansville Museum, Carlisle Wishard, will educate and engage the public in preparation for the 2024 total solar eclipse. Her talk will focus on the geometry of total solar eclipse, the path of totality, and eclipse safety.

We would like to thank Connie Weinzapfel for the new area rug in the STEM area.

Josh Lamb has been here and repaired the lights in the library area.

Last Friday, I attended the Southwest Indiana Regional Directors Round Table at the Fort Branch library. The WMI will host the next one in May.

The new furniture for the reading room has arrived.

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of our esteemed volunteer, Helen Smith. We received this news this morning and we wish to express our heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones during this difficult time. The WMI is grateful for the time and effort she put into her volunteer work.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on April 18, 2024

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap

Minutes of the March 21, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. Ryan reported that the Bob Johnson Trust has been placed into a Vanguard account. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept and hold for audit. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- Dr. Carlisle Wishard of the Evansville Museum hosted our first FWMI lecture on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. Forty people were in attendance. The next lecture will be presented by David James on May 22nd.
- Our first book sale of the year will be held the second weekend of June.

In Old Business-

- We had some negative criticism from the membership about the restoration of the Harry Hawkins mural in the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge. Ryan has been in contact with the conservator, Andrea Chevalier.

In New Business-

- Our STEM programming attendance has been low. We have decided to put the "Meet a STEM career" on hold but continue with the STEM Story Time.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report-April 18, 2024

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. Andria Barthlow read *How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets* by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague. There were eleven children present. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on April 25th. Jean Kares will be reading *Grandpa's Teeth* by Rod Clement.

Pre-school story time is doing well. We had four children this morning.

Tristra Newyear, an author of historical fantasies and scientific romances, held a book signing and discussion on April 4th at 6:30 p.m. There were approximately twenty people in attendance.

The New Harmony Clay Project held an artist lecture titled "Narrative Form" at the WMI on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. This lecture featured Artists in Residence Autumn McKay, Alex Lewis, and Greg Van Dusseldorp. Fifty-two patrons attended.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the Director of Science Experiences at the Evansville Museum, Carlisle Wishard, educated the public in preparation for the 2024 total solar eclipse. Her talk focused on the geometry of the total solar eclipse, the path of totality, and eclipse safety. There were forty patrons in attendance.

Monday, April 8th brought fifty people to the WMI. Many just visited but we did have a few that stayed and experienced the Total Solar Eclipse on the lawn with the staff.

The New Harmony Artists Guild held an art show and poetry reading on Sunday, April 7th, and Wednesday, April 10th. There were around 30 to 40 patrons on Sunday and fourteen on Wednesday. The art display hung in the Maclure room until April 14th.

Tomorrow, I will be attending the Indiana Library Federation regional conference at the Floyd County Public Library in New Albany.

Heritage Days is April 24-25. We have enough Staff and Volunteers for this event.

Alexandrian Public Library will be touring the WMI on Monday May 13th.

The Feiner grant has been launched. So far, we have had two applicants. Last Years recipients Tristra Newyear-Yeager, Eleanor Rust and Rebecca Hope have contacted me about their lectures. Ms. Yeager and Ms. Rust have set the date of September 5th and Ms. Hope will be in August.

Bill McKenzie will host "Grief: A journey to Peace and Acceptance" May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on May 23, 2024

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, and Director Ryan Rokicki.

Minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Fred Frayser then presented the Treasurer's Report. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- We currently have 39 members. From those memberships we have earned \$2270.
- David James will host the next FWMI lecture on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

In Old Business-

- Ryan is still researching conservators for the restoration of the Harry Hawkins Mural.
- Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to amend the already approved minutes to more closely reflect what happened in the quarterly minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

In New Business-

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report-May 16, 2024

The State Board of Accounts Review has wrapped up. We do not have a date for the final meeting, but I will let the board know as soon as that date has been set.

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. Jean Kares read *Grandpa's Teeth* by Rod Clement. There were ten children present. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on May 23rd. Ann Rains will be reading *Dorothy & Herbert: An Ordinary Couple and Their Extraordinary Collection of Art* by Jackie Azúa Kramer and Julia Breckenreid.

Pre-school story time will take a short hiatus for the summer. It will resume on Thursday, August 22nd.

Our summer reading program will be June 12th-July 18th. This year's theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library*.

Heritage Artisans Days was April 24-25. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers. There were 829 children who visited the WMI over the three-day event.

Bill McKenzie hosted "Grief: A Journey to Peace and Acceptance" on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Seventeen patrons attended.

The Farmer's Market Presented by the WMI kicked off the market season Saturday, May 11th.

That same day, Boy Scout Troop 305 from Newburgh came in and toured the WMI and viewed the Movie Iron Man.

Alexandrian Public Library toured the WMI on Monday, May 13th.

The Hoosier Salon held a three-day workshop at the WMI that concluded today. Douglas David taught "Painting Fresh Peonies." Janet Holcomb and several others enjoyed using the space for their event.

The WMI in partnership with Kiwanis held a free showing of the PBS Documentary *Racing to Respond* produced by Riley's Children's Hospital Tuesday, May 15th. Twenty people were here to view the documentary that highlighted many mental and behavioral health issues that impacted two Indiana Families through suicide, anxiety, and depression.

Tomorrow I will be hosting the Southeastern Indiana Regional Directors Round Table.

Town and Country Extension Homemakers will be hosting a game day Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Renowned radio and television host, David James will host the next FWMI lecture on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. David is the host of Two Main Street on WNIN.

The FWMI book sale will take place in the "Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge" June 7th-9th.

Website edits are done and will go live tomorrow.

We have received three submissions for the Arlene Feiner Grant.

I attended the reception for the Women's Fund at the Country Mark Pavilion. We received \$1250 for a STEM-to-go program. This is another fabulous program idea from Tamara Allison. This funding will provide STEM toys that can be checked out.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on June 20, 2024

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, and Director Ryan Rokicki. Vice President Nathan Maudlin joined the meeting by Zoom.

Minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

Fred Frayser then presented the Treasurer's Report. Christine Crews moved to accept and hold for audit. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- Christine Crews reported that the organization made \$1,094 at the book sale held during the Antique Festival in June.
- The next FWMI event will be July 4th at the Atheneum. Historic New Harmony's Assistant Director Diane Sanders will be the Keynote Speaker and Ben Nicholson will be the reader of the Declaration of Independence.

In Old Business-

- Connie Weinzapfel requested that the archive expansion and the cleaning of the Harry Hawkins murals remain in old business and have monthly updates on both projects.

New Business-

- Michael Guard requested the WMI's completed remediation reports for the old school to aid the town in its potential purchase. Fred Frayser stated he would get the reports to him.
- It has been recommended that the WMI acquires a generator for the archives in the event of a prolonged power outage. Ryan has proposed incorporating this into the ongoing archival expansion project as a proactive measure for the future.
- Christine Crews was approached by an individual that would like the WMI to host a lecture about how to use social media for businesses.
- Tamara Allison has requested a reminder to inform the public that the WMI functions as a cooling station during periods of hot weather.
- Connie brought the company responsible for updating the comprehensive plan to the WMI on June 19. They are considering holding meetings at this location. Mr. Maudlin suggested making a copy of the completed town comprehensive plan available at the WMI.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to adjourn the Trustees meeting. Tamara Allison seconded. Adjourned.

Director's Report June 20, 2024

Radio and television host, David James hosted the FWMI lecture on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. with 30 patrons in attendance.

Charles Gaston held a book signing on May 30th. Fifty-eight patrons attended.

The FWMI book sale took place in the "Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge" June 7th-9th.

Our summer reading program kicked off on June 12th. This year's theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library*. A big thank you to Janey Frayser for her assistance in this morning's session. The first two sessions brought six children to the event.

Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick were here June 11th -June 16^h continuing the Indiana State Museum's Curatorial Outreach

Geologist Randy Patrick delivered a thought-provoking presentation on Thursday, June 13 titled "De-extinction: Is it the Way to Go?" The lecture focused on the global efforts to revive over seventy extinct species. Sixteen patrons attended.

The next Kiwanis Story Time will be held Thursday June 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Shannon DeLap will be reading "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin. The May Kiwanis Story Time and the June STEM Story Time had no attendees. Many children cancelled due to schedule conflicts with summer sports. The STEM area is getting lots of use.

The items for the "STEM-To-Go" have been ordered. These items will be available to check out.

Melora and I have completed the measurements on the WMI's collections. We are doing the calculations and will be forwarding them to Glenn Kalley with Space Saver. I initially planned for a 50% increase but am now considering adding 100%.

I have contacted Paul Plaschke from Owensboro, Ky about the conservation of the Harry Hawkins murals. We now have three conservators who have expressed interest in the project.

Brent Suits was in and replaced the ethernet switch. This replacement has enhanced our internet speeds and reliability.

The New Harmony Farmer's and Artisan's Market presented by the WMI is still going strong.

This year's recipient of the Arlene Feiner Grant for Women's Studies is Kathrine Prater for her topic "Illustrations in Nature: Printing Utopia-Lucy Way Sistaire Say."

Connie Weinzapfel is stepping back from the Feiner Grant Committee and recommended Christine Crews to be her replacement.

Our new website was launched on May 23rd.

The WMI hosted the Southwest Indiana Regional Directors Round Table on Friday, May 17th.

The Knox County Library toured the WMI on June 12th.

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President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Trustee Connie Weinzapfel joined the meeting by Zoom.

Minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

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

FWMI-

- There were two hundred people in attendance at the Independence Day Celebration.
- The next FWMI lecture will be Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Mike Linderman will be giving a lecture about Angel Mounds.

In Old Business-

- Archive expansion-The calculations and measurements detailing storage needs for our archive and museum collections have been submitted to Glen Kalley of Patterson-Pope. We will be meeting with him next week to go over things a bit more thoroughly.
- Three conservation firms are interested in restoring the Harry Hawkins Mural. IAC of Cleveland, Ohio, McCaughen and Burr of St. Louis, Missouri, and Paul Plaschke Art Restoration. Mr. Plaschke is already scheduled to perform an assessment. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to pay McCaughen and Burr the \$1,000 fee for a second assessment of the mural. Nathan Maudlin Seconded. Approved.
- There was low attendance at the Quarterly Membership Meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 and a quorum was not present. There are now five current openings. It was suggested that President Fred Frayser send a letter to the members from the Trustees to access why the attendance was so low.
- STEM-To-Go will be available to be checked out and this new program will be highlighted in the August WMI Insider.

New Business-

- Robert Johnson Trust. - Ryan will ask Robert Bernardin if it would be a good idea to have it as a separate account or if consolidation is an option.
- There is a grant opportunity with Indiana Humanities. The Historic Preservation Education Grant. Application due date is September 30, 2024.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to adjourn the Trustees meeting. Tamara Allison seconded. Adjourned.

Director's Report July 18, 2024

The summer reading program has been extended for an additional week, and the new final day will be July 25th. This extension is because of the Posey County Fair, as several children have exhibits there.

The next Kiwanis Story Time will take place on Thursday, July 25th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., with Anthony Rideout reading "Jazz on a Saturday Night" by Leo and Diane Dillon. In June, eleven children attended the Kiwanis Story Time.

Peggy Taylor hosted a quilting discussion titled "A Thread Gathering" on Sunday, June 30, 2024, with the aim of possibly creating a quilting group. We have sent the final report to the Indiana Arts Commission for "Textiles Through Time."

Melora Adams hosted a tour of the WMI for the Interpreter's Association group on Monday, July 8, 2024, and there were eight attendees.

Pre-School Story Time will commence on August 22, 2024, and will run until October 3, 2024.

The latest episode of the 8-episode podcast "Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical" has just been released. This documentary was created by Dr. Tristra Newyear Yeager and Dr. Eleanor Rust, who were both awarded the WMI's Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies in 2023.

Indiana State Library has found us in compliance.

State Board of Accounts Exit Interview will be next week.

Dinah Nicholson would like to have a suicide prevention lecture at the WMI.

Rebecca May Hope, Lena Feiner Grant Recipient will present her lecture *Women of Paradise: Contributions of Female Boatloaders to New Harmony* on August 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Budget workshop will be held August 15, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

Jane Gilbert from EVSC will host an art workshop at the WMI on Tuesday July 30, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The project manager at Happe that oversaw our Rafter Repair Project has moved to another job opportunity. Bryce Martin is now in charge of this project.

HF Refrigeration wants to replace the pipes coming out of the chiller.

We are looking at dates later in August and Early September to have the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on August 15, 2024

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Director Ryan Rokicki, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Trustee Connie Weinzapfel joined the meeting via Zoom.

Minutes of the July 18, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

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

FWMI-

- The next FWMI lecture will be Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Mike Linderman will be giving a lecture about Angel Mounds.
- Kunstfest Book Sale will be September 21st and 22nd.

In Old Business-

- Archive expansion update: Last week, Glen Kalley of Patterson-Pope was here going over the calculations provided by WMI staff. He has seen the basement and attic space and will be making numerous trips to determine what kind of footprint would be the most useful for expanding.
- Harry Hawkins Mural Restoration update: Paul Plaschke has already assessed the Hawkins Mural. Nathan Maudlin motioned to table the restoration until Ms. Weinzapfel returned to see Mr. Plaschke's work, Tamara Allison seconded. Approved. It was decided to move forward with the assessment from McCaughen and Burr of St. Louis, Missouri which was approved at the July meeting.
- Rafter repair update: Bryce, the project manager from Happe Construction, and Adam Green have visited the WMI attic and provided a quote for the necessary repairs. The project will be divided into two phases, with each phase costing \$4,816. The total cost of repairing the four rafters is \$9,632. There may need to be some negotiation in payment as they are requesting the first payment upfront. Nathan Maudlin moved to go forward with the repairs. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

New Business-

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Director's Report July 18, 2024

The suicide prevention lecture slated for last evening was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The final day of the summer reading program was July 25th. Alyssa Scott was the top reader, while Troy and Ophelia Swift's Flat Stanley traveled the farthest. They all received prizes for their accomplishments.

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Anthony Rideout read "Jazz on a Saturday Night" by Leo and Diane Dillon and played his bass for the activity. Eight children attended. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be held Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Tamara Allison will be reading *Be a Tree* by Maria Gianferrari.

Pre-School Story Time will begin on August 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. and conclude on October 3, 2024.

STEM story time was held Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. There were three children in attendance.

The latest episode of the 8-episode podcast "Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical" was released yesterday. Elenor Rust and Tristra New Year will be holding their lecture about this podcast at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 5th.

Rebecca May Hope, a recipient of the Lena Feiner Grant in 2023, was unable to do her lecture in 2024. The committee has agreed to let her do her lecture in the first quarter of 2025.

I attended a budget workshop this morning at 10:45 a.m.

Jane Gilbert from EVSC hosted an art workshop at the WMI on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

The next FWMI lecture will be on August 21st at 6:30 p.m. Mike Linderman will be speaking about Angel Mounds.

Mike Braun will use the WMI for mobile office hours on August 28th from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The New Harmony Garden Club will host an Invasive Plant Lecture and Golf Cart tour August 28th at 5:00 p.m.

Joni Mayhan will be here September 4th at 6:30 p.m. promoting her new book *New Harmony Ghost Stories*.

I will be headed to Mobile, Alabama the week of September 9th to attend the American Association of State and Local History conference.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on September 19, 2024

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel Director Ryan Rokicki, and Financial Consultant Robert Bernardin.

Minutes of the August 15, 2024, meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

Ryan Rokicki then presented the Treasurer's Report. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept and hold for audit. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Robert Bernardin then gave the annual review of investments. A motion made by Nathan Maudlin proposed the allocation of \$250,000 from the Johnson Trust (Vanguard account) to establish a new account. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

FWMI-

- Kunstfest Book Sale will be September 21st and 22nd.
- The last FWMI lecture of 2024 will be November 14 at 6:30 p.m. Zack Garcia will speak about Wesselman Woods.
- We have two people that have agreed to conduct lectures in 2025. Kelly Morgan from the Indiana State Sites and Dr. Matt Rebeck.

In Old Business-

- Archive expansion update: Glen Kalley of Patterson-Pope was here two weeks ago for a second meeting. This meeting was to go over some of the drawings he completed from the calculations that were provided by WMI staff.
- Harry Hawkins Mural Restoration update: Paul Plaschke's estimate to repair and restore the Hawkins mural is \$13,593. McCaughen and Burr of St. Louis, Missouri submitted an estimate of \$34,000. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to hire Paul Plaschke for the Harry Hawkins Mural Restoration project. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

New Business-

- Audio Video Upgrade and New State Requirements: On July 1, 2025, there will be changes to the rules and regulations for meetings. Live streaming will be required for remote meetings, and additional upgrading of the audio-video equipment is necessary.
- The Trustees passed a resolution related to the annual E-rate for 2025. 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 moved to accept the E-rate resolution. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

- The October Membership Meeting will include the election of trustees. There are five vacancies in the membership.
- Connie Weinzapfel requested permission to purchase more furniture for the lecture hall. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to authorize up to \$5,000 for the purchase of new furniture. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

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 September 19, 2024

Jim Brown has removed the tree between the WMI and Murphy Auditorium.

Mike Linderman gave a lecture about the historical sites of Angel Mounds on August 21st at 6:30 p.m. There were forty-two people in attendance.

Kiwanis Story Time occurred on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Tamara Allison read *Be a Tree* by Maria Gianferrari. Twelve children attended. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Tracee Foley will read *Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes* by James Dean.

Pre-School Story Time began on August 22, 2024. We have had approximately six children each week. The first round will conclude on October 3, 2024.

Senator Mike Braun's staff used the WMI for mobile office hours on August 28 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The New Harmony Garden Club hosted an Invasive Plant Lecture and Golf Cart tour on August 28 at 5:00 p.m. There were twenty-seven patrons in attendance.

Joni Mayhan was here on September 4 promoting her new book, *New Harmony Ghost Stories*. There were thirty-seven patrons in attendance.

Elenor Rust and Tristra Newyear held their lecture about their podcast *Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical* on Thursday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. There were forty-two attendees.

The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was held on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. A big thank you to everyone who attended.

Last week I attended the American Association of State and Local History conference in Mobile, Alabama.

The seventh episode of the 8-episode podcast *Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical* was released on September 11.

Jennifer Green gave a lecture on vintage clothing last night. Six people attended.

Happe Construction will be here tomorrow to begin the work on the rafter.

The Working Men's Institute Board of Trustees met on October 17, 2024

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

Nathan Maudlin motioned to retain the current Board of Trustees officers for 2025. Connie Weinzapfel seconded the motion. Approved. Tamara Allison then proposed electing Connie Weinzapfel for another term as a Trustee. This motion was seconded by Christine Crews and approved.

Minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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

FWMI-

- The final FWMI lecture is scheduled for November 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please note that there has been a change in the speaker. Jerry Rairdon, Wesselman Woods Director of Development will now present in place of Zack Garcia who has resigned from his position.

In Old Business-

- Archive expansion update: Glen Kalley from Patterson-Pope will provide another schematic next week. Once we have reviewed the schematics, we will schedule a meeting with the committee to discuss how we should proceed with this ongoing project.

New Business-

- Franco Proserpi -Nathan Maudlin visited with Franco recently while visiting Italy. He has a new project that may be of interest to the WMI. Mr. Proserpi has been working on "The Dance of the Graces" since 1997 and would like to have the paintings displayed here.
- Meeting with Rick Johnson- Director Ryan Rokicki had lunch with Speaker Rick Johnson on Tuesday. While he didn't have any ideas on how to increase participation, he did have some opinions, one being that many members are involved in many other things. Ryan suggested that perhaps a few weeks before the membership meetings President Fred Frayser could meet with Mr. Johnson and discuss things that need to be addressed within the meeting.
- Connie Weinzapfel has purchased more furniture for the lecture hall. It includes a sofa and four chairs.
- The transfer of Town Records-Connie Weinzapfel has been working with Linda Warrum and Ann Huelsmann to transfer the town records from the town hall to the WMI. They

will need to be reduced. Connie is checking into the retention policy for Indiana on these types of records. The ones that would be of most interest would be minutes from the town council meetings and the financials.

- Connie Weinzapfel would like the FWMI to host a lecture with an entomologist.

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 October 17, 2024

The final episode of the 8-episode podcast *Frances Wright: America's Forgotten Radical* was released on September 25.

Kiwanis Story Time occurred on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Tracee Foley read *Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes* by James Dean. Nine children attended. The next Kiwanis Story Time will be on Thursday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. Ann Huelsman will read *The Book Tree* by Paul Czajak.

Pre-School Story Time will begin its fall session on October 24, 2024. We have had approximately six children each week. This session will conclude on December 19, 2024.

Peggy Taylor began free weaving classes at the Working Men's Institute sponsored by the Indiana Arts Commission on Thursday, September 19, 2024. Woven by Hand and Heart will meet each Thursday evening from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The fall session concludes on October 17. There will be another session in December. The winter classes will be December 26-28 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Ben Nicholson, the author of "Clockwork Basilisk: The Early Revolvers of Elisha Collier & Artemas Wheeler," will chat about America's first revolver.

The WMI is excited to host the Local Loco Model Train Club for the October 26-27 weekend. Local Loco is a group of model railroad enthusiasts from Evansville and the surrounding communities in southwestern Indiana. This FREE event will showcase various model railroad layouts. The club members will be running trains for everyone to enjoy. The event hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

David Angel is scheduled to deliver a presentation titled "Mastering Difficult Conversations" on October 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. This event will be the inaugural session of the "Conflict Resolution 101" series, taking place this fall at WMI.

Bill Mckenzie will host "Grief and the Holidays" on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

I went to Rice Library to begin digitizing the Disseminator.

Melora has been working on adding interpretive labels to the artwork.

Paul Plaschke began working on the Harry Hawkins mural today.

Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick will be here next month continuing the Indiana State Museum's Curatorial Outreach.

The Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute met on November 21, 2024.

President Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance included President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Tamara Allison, Secretary Christine Crews, Trustee Connie Weinzapfel, and Director Ryan Rokicki.

The minutes from the October 17, 2024 meeting had been sent out electronically. Tamara Allison made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Connie Weinzapfel. The motion was approved.

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. Christine Crews moved to accept the report and hold it for audit, with Connie Weinzapfel seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

Christine Crews made the motion to transfer \$34,000 from the Vanguard account to the checking account to support general operations. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. The motion was approved.

FWMI-

- The final FWMI lecture on November 14 brought 18 patrons to the WMI.
- The 2024-25 slate of officers is as follows: President Jeanne Maudlin, Vice President Ann Angle Garrett, Treasurer Shelly Batt, and Secretary Christine Crews.
- We will be meeting in January to set up our 2025 lecture series.
- Dues need to be paid in January.

In Old Business-

- The restoration of the Harry Hawkins mural is complete. Josh Lamb has already been contacted so that improved museum lighting can be installed to properly illuminate the mural.
- Archive Expansion-Glen Kalley from Patterson-Pope has provided another schematic. These include dimensions for two rooms, one with dimensions over 60 feet.

New Business-

- Christmas Open House-Our open house has been set for December 6th. However, there is another event occurring at Murphy Auditorium that evening. Tamara Allison made the motion to move the Open House to Friday, December 13th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Christine Crews made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Connie Weinzapfel moved to adjourn the meeting. Christine Crews seconded. Adjourned.

Director's Report November 21, 2024

Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Ben Nicholson, the author of "Clockwork Basilisk: The Early Revolvers of Elisha Collier & Artemas Wheeler," held a lecture about America's first revolver. Fifteen people were in attendance.

A group from Indiana University visited and toured the WMI on October 25th.

The WMI hosted the Local Loco Model Train Club on October 26-27. Local Loco is a group of model railroad enthusiasts from Evansville and the surrounding communities in southwestern Indiana. This free event showcased various model railroad layouts. The event brought in 137 people over the two days.

David Angel has completed his "Conflict Resolution 101" series. A total of 31 attended the three sessions.

Bill McKenzie presented "Grief and the Holidays" on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The program had 10 people in attendance.

The Weavers Guild had their monthly meeting at the WMI on November 9th.

Posey County Historical Society was here on November 16th and toured the WMI.

I attended the Indiana Library Federation conference on November 18-19 in Indianapolis.

The rafter repairs in the attic have been completed by Happe and Sons.

HF Refrigeration has been here and switched the system to heat for the winter. The pump needed for the heating and cooling system has been ordered. Some of the pipes will be replaced when the pump is installed.

We are still in the process of digitizing the Disseminator, using the equipment at Rice Library. Thanks to Jennifer Greene for facilitating this project.

Peggy Fisherkeller as well as Randy and Deb Patrick were here continuing the Indiana State Museum's Curatorial Outreach.

I attended a webinar this morning covering all the new procedures and policies for the State Library Report.

The Board of Trustees for the Working Men's Institute met on December 19, 2024

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

The minutes from the November 21, 2024 meeting had been sent out electronically. Christine Crews made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Connie Weinzapfel. The motion was approved.

Tamara Allison then presented the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

To establish the threshold by which to transfer funds from the recently established Johnson Trust account, Tamara made a motion that anytime the account reaches \$260,000 or more the gains be moved to the special projects fund, maintaining the base amount in the fund at \$250,000. Christine Crews seconded. The motion was approved.

FWMI- None

In Old Business-

- Archive Expansion -Ryan has set up a Zoom meeting for January 7, 2025, with the Lilly Foundation Representative Ronnie Kloth to discuss the progress we have made on our Archive expansion project. Tamara Allison will be available for this meeting. We are going to provide them with the drawings and dimensions that Patterson Pope has provided for the project. Some suggestions for the committee for this project were Nancy McCaslin, Linda Warrum, Docey Lewis, Diane Sanders, Heidi Doss, Jennifer Greene, and Marsh Davis.

New Business-

- End-of-year transfers- Nathan Maudlin made a motion to authorize Ryan to make any necessary end-of-year transfers within budget line items required by the Department of Local Government Finance. Christine Crews seconded. Approved.

Mr. Frayser then suspended the public portion of the meeting to enter an executive session.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Director's Report December 19, 2024

The WMI hosted "Candy Land" on Saturday, December 7, during Christmas in New Harmony. On Saturday, the attendance at the WMI was approximately 650 adults and 350 children, not including those attending outside. However, on Sunday, December 8, attendance dropped to about 25 adults and 11 children.

We had a fantastic turnout for our Christmas Open House, with 55 people in attendance. We would like to thank the Janik Family for helping to put up all the decorations for the holiday season.

The WMI hosted Jennifer Greene this morning as part of Historic New Harmony's Talking History event. Seven people were present at the event.

Kiwanis Story Time will be held on Thursday, December 26, at 6:30 p.m. Tamara Allison will read "The Days After Christmas" by Maggie C. Rudd.

The winter session of Pre-school Storytime will be held January 16,23,30 and February 6,13,20,27.

Peggy Taylor will host her upcoming weaving classes from December 26 to 28. Classes will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. After these classes are finished the looms will be vacated from the study room.

After the first of the year, there will be a member-exclusive insider meeting in advance of the Member meeting. Mr. Frayser and I will contact Speaker Rick Johnson before the meeting.

Melora has added interpretive labels for framed art. She is currently working on interpretive panels for the Hawkins Mural.

Tom Lonnberg from the Evansville Museum is developing an exhibit about the Tri-state tornado. We have provided him with information and photographs from the archives.

Mary Beth Guard donated eleven Generation Genius science kits. Tamara Allison and I will determine how best to incorporate these kits into our STEM programming.

Upcoming Events for 2025:

- January 23: DAR/ Kiwanis Storytime.**
- February 1, 8, and 15: Peggy Taylor will conduct more weaving classes.**
- 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.**

