

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on August 20, 2020.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and Adam Green. Secretary Tom Cullum joined by phone while Trustee Tamara Allison joined by Zoom Video Conference.

Mr. Frayser suspended the agenda to allow architect Adam Green to speak about his work in historic preservation and his plan for providing architectural services for the roof project.

Ms. Weinzapfel has been working on the roof project by determining the proper steps to take and where to find funding for the project. We received a grant for \$5,000 from Indiana Landmarks/Efroymson Family Fund to hire a Preservation Architect to manage the project as well as make drawings of the roof and interpret historic photos to determine which materials should be used since we no longer have real slate. These drawings and plans are needed to apply for and receive grants. Ms. Weinzapfel made the motion to hire Adam Green as the architect and project manager for restoration of the roof. Mr. Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

Minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting had been sent electronically. Mr. Maudlin moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Cullum seconded. Accepted.

Treasurers Report was given by Connie Weinzapfel. Tom Cullum moved to accept and hold for audit. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

Old business- Mr. Rokicki has been in contact with a taxidermy conservator near Minneapolis. Taxidermy unlimited has been sent pictures of the eight-legged calf. It has been assessed that the calf is in poor shape. It was recommended that the calf be shipped to them for further assessment and repair. Mr. Rokicki then contacted US Art, a company the specializes in shipping art and museum collections. The estimate for shipping the calf to Minneapolis is \$4,000. Mr. Rokicki then proposed that he could build a proper packing crate for the calf and personally deliver it to the Minneapolis based taxidermist within the next few months.

Mr. Maudlin will moderate a panel discussion on September 29th titled "Racism and Mental Health" co-sponsored with the National Alliance on Mental Illness. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and is a Zoom Video Conference event. It was suggested that a banner with the WMI logo be purchased prior to this event to be hung behind the presenters for all events going forward.

In new business-We have received quotes from Josh Lamb for the installation of new lighting in the lecture hall as well as the Art gallery. The quote for the Art Gallery is \$6,076. The lecture hall quote is \$7, 264. Mr. Maudlin Made the motion to install the lights in the Gallery and wait to do the lecture hall. Ms. Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted. This expense will be applied to this year's budget.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made a motion to accept the claims. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted. The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report – August 20, 2020

The New Harmony Farmer's Market presented by the WMI is doing well. 797 patrons have attended the farmer's market over the last month.

Melora Adams has begun writing a column for the Posey County News. "WMI's Artifact Under Exam" launched in the Tuesday August 8, 2020 edition of the local Newspaper. Her debut article focused on a photo album owned by Frances Sylva Guthrie, daughter of Women's Rights Activist Fannie Wright. This week the article featured the cast iron coffee roaster donated by Julia Osborn Soper.

"What is it Wednesday" is our newest Facebook endeavor. Each week we upload a picture of an artifact that is unidentified or unusual in appearance so that Facebook members can see if they can determine what it is or used for.

Monday July 27, 2020 Boy Scout Troops 305 and 315, both from Newburgh, visited the WMI. They received a tour of the museum and enjoyed the classic movie "Ernest goes to Camp".

The State Board of Accounts is wrapping up their audit.

On August 11, 2020 I attended a budget workshop held by the Department of Local Government Finance. We have a 4.2 growth quotient with our general operating budget for the year being \$258,750. Our Budget hearing will take place during the September BoT meeting. Our budget Adoption will take place at the October Membership Meeting.