

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on July 16, 2020

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tom Cullum, President of the Friends of the Working Men's Institute Katie Reineke-Pritchett, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Vice President Nathan Maudlin and Trustee Tamara Allison joined the meeting via Zoom Video Conference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Connie Weinzapfel. Tom Cullum moved to accept and hold for audit. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved

Katie Reineke-Pritchett gave the Friends of the WMI report. The planning and execution of the Independence Day celebration went very well. We had some connectivity issues that made live video problematic so the video was prerecorded. A big thank you to Steven Stump for filming the program. As of today, the video had 268 views. We have discussed doing the remainder of the Friends lecture series with a live video feed. Taylor Rokicki has agreed to try a live feed with her lecture next month. Moving forward, we will attempt having in person lectures with social distancing guidelines in place. We will provide masks for those who want to attend. As a safety precaution, there will be no refreshment table. We have one individual who has cancelled their upcoming lecture. The Annual Kunstfest Book Sale has been cancelled until further notice. There is hope to have it during the Chili Cook-Off. There is an overabundance of books available. It was suggested that a mini-book sale take place during the farmers market.

In Old Business

The WMI will be audited again this year. It will be for the period 2016-2019.

We are still seeking a new roof. The Office of Community and Rural Affairs has come out with a new grant that is valued between \$500 to \$100,000 dollars. It was mentioned to bond half the cost of the roof and raise \$225,000. Additional grants will be explored. Candice Croix, Director of Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office will be visiting Tuesday.

Tom Cullum and Connie Weinzapfel suggested a form for paying construction bills. It would be used for anything involved with contracting for any amount. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to approve the contractor/construction form. Tom Cullum Seconded. Approved.

We are developing a panel discussion on racial relationships. This will be conducted in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The date will be sometime this September.

In New Business

We are looking for a conservator for the eight-legged calf. The State Museum has shared information on two. One is in Oklahoma and the other near Indianapolis. Mr. Rokicki has spoken with the Illinois State Museum to help aid our search efforts. A fundraiser for the costs of the conservation of the specimen is still underway.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

#### Director's Report – July 16, 2020

We Have a new temporary exhibit in the Maclure room. “New Harmony as Seen by a Visitor” by Donna Lee Self will be on display through the summer.

Over the course of the last three weeks the Farmer's Market presented by the WMI has brought in 856 patrons.

Chris and Bryce Koester continue with the painting of the windows. Chris has reported he has found no rot during his repairs.

2021 budget season is upon us. Ms. Weinzapfel and I will meet next week to go over preliminaries prior to the August budget meeting with the Department of Local Government Finance. Our growth quotient is set at 4.2%.

We are slated for a routine audit from the State Board of Accounts. No date has yet been set.

Jim Naas said it would be a month before he could begin the staff bathroom renovation due to his current workload.

My Library Director Certification, as required by the State, has been renewed for another five years.