

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on October 15, 2020

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Vice President Nathan Maudlin joined by phone while Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tom Cullum and Trustee Tamara Allison joined via Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the minutes. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Connie Weinzapfel. A suggestion was made by Ms. Weinzapfel to transfer all proceeds raised from the roof project into the overdraft account so that it can be isolated from other gifts and grants. Nathan Maudlin made a motion to transfer all proceeds raised from the roof project into the overdraft account. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted. Tom Cullum moved to accept and hold for audit. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved

There was no Old Business.

In New Business

The Trustees passed the resolution regarding E-rate for 2021. Mr. Cullum made the motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

The State of Indiana is now requiring an Establishment of the Fiscal Body. In the event there is a triggering event with our budget, (i.e. if we were to propose a budget that was above the annual growth quotient then the town board would have to approve it) this resolution would establish the town board as the agency that would step in and act if necessary. Nathan Maudlin mad the motion to appoint the town board as our fiscal body. Connie Weinzapfel Seconded. Accepted

In order to continue to operate, Connie Weinzapfel made a motion to grant the president temporary emergency Power to extend and appoint the officers and trustees for the Board of Trustees until such time membership can meet and hold an election. Nathan Maudlin Seconded. Accepted

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report October 15, 2020

The Farmers Market Presented by the WMI is still going strong! Due to many local patrons requests it will continue through Halloween.

It is beginning to look like Halloween at the WMI! There is a new addition to our Halloween décor. The "Classic Tales of Horror" book display in the Foyer case has four classic horror books by various authors. Be sure to check it out!

Tomorrow morning, I am off to Minnesota to deliver the eight-legged calf to Taxidermy Unlimited.

I have registered with Indiana Library Federations for there annual conference. This conference will be a virtual event this year due to the pandemic. It will be held on November 17-18, 2020.

On September 29, 2020 in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), we hosted the online panel discussion "Racism and Mental Health: A Community Discussion". This webinar focused on the relationship between racism and mental health diagnosis and treatment. We had 23 people view this event.

The grant for the roof restoration was submitted to the Division of Preservation and Archeology.

We will soon need volunteers to help decorate the WMI for Christmas. The NHBA decorating committee would like to see all the businesses decorations completed by November 16, 2020. This deadline is due to many area businesses planning holiday open houses beginning Saturday October 24, 2020.