

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on January 21, 2021.

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

Mr. Frayser suspended the agenda to allow architect Adam Green and Robert Bernardin to have the floor.

Adam green presented an update on the roof. He provided a sample of the material for the historic preservation and repair of the roof. The samples were of both synthetic slate and real slate.

Robert Bernardin reported that he had received a call about the Jeanne Miller Fund. Hilliard Lyons Trust Company raised the minimum to \$1 million dollars. It was advised that this trust be moved from Hilliard Lyons Trust Company to a Baird Recommended Portfolio. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to allow the shift of the Jeanne Miller Fund from Hilliard Lyons Trust Company to the Baird recommended portfolio, to move roughly \$180,000 worth of stocks into the Baird portfolio addition from the Endowment and allow a change in this portfolio to allow a shift to where it would growth of income opposed to income growth. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

Minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the minutes. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

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

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Old Business

- Director Ryan Rokicki received a letter from the Efroymsen Family Fund on January 20, 2021. They have committed to give \$50,000 as a match. They want is to raise \$50,000 from yesterday [January 20, 2021] forward. With this contribution it would put us at \$340,000. It would leave us about \$100,000 short. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion that the Trustee's of the Working Men's Institute request a \$150,000 bond from the Town of New Harmony for the completion of the roof.

New Business

- Ken Meyer has an autograph from Daniel Ellsberg. Mr. Meyer received the autograph while he was attending I.U. Daniel Ellsberg triggered a national political controversy in 1971 when he released the Pentagon Papers to The New York Times, The Washington Post and other newspapers. He asked if the WMI would be interested in this unique part of history. It was decided that this would make a great addition to our collection.

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 January 21, 2021

Our "12 Stories of Christmas" Facebook event was a huge success! We had 8,241 views. Peggy Meyer had the most views with 3,543. Katie Reineke-Pritchett held second place with 1,514 views. A big thank you to all who participated!

We had 6,132 adults and 667 children visit the WMI in 2020. We were down quite a bit from 2019. There were 6620 adults and 2668 children that visited the WMI 2019, a difference of 2,486 adults and children. These differences were due to the closure of the WMI during the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the end of last month, I did get Tom Guggenheim's assessment on our trees. There was one major critical issue. That tree has since been removed. Currently, the other trees are low risk. He did recommend some pruning.

Kirby Wilson passed away January 16, 2021. The family requested that in lieu of flowers that all memorial contributions be made to the WMI. We have received some small contributions in honor of Kirby.

Currently working on Annual State Library Report as well as the Annual Financial Report.