

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on February 18, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tom Cullum, Tamara Allison, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap,

Minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Tom Cullum 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.

FWMI-None

Old Business

- Indiana Landmarks \$50,000
- We have received between \$1500 and \$1600 from Kirby Wilson donations. These donations will go towards the preservation of the calf.
- Efroymsen has committed \$50,000 as a match up to \$150,000.
- It was suggested that Ryan Ferber be hired as municipal advisor. The question did arise of how much it would affect individual taxes. Financing over a longer period would help ease the impact. Connie Weinzapfel made a motion to give Nathan Maudlin and Ryan Rokicki the authority to hire Ryan Ferber as the Municipal Advisor for the roof Project. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved

New Business

- Mr. Maudlin felt that today's closure due to inclement weather was unnecessary. Fred Frayser explained that he uses other area closures as a guideline for the WMI being closed. He felt the closure was unavoidable as some of the side streets as well as many rural roads were still extremely slick due to the ice and snow.
- We have one virtual program so far this year. Grotosque 10 is slated for March.
- Indiana Library Federation is assisting people who want to get the Covid-19 Vaccine. Ryan will continue to research and stay in contact with the health department.
- The receiver portion of the projector is broken. The parts are available but due to the weather they have not been unable to reach the WMI. It was determined that lightning could have been the cause.
- Indiana Historical Society Grant is for projects that will help Indiana's local history organizations meet high priority needs in areas of Collections Stewardship, Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion, Sustainability, and Planning. The question was asked if this grant could be used for the roof restoration. They like collection-based opportunities so this grant would help keep Melora Adams as our Collections Manager.
- The WMI is sponsoring a creative writing contest with Historic New Harmony in honor of the 250th birthday celebration of Robert Owen. These writings would include Poetry,

essays, etc. There will be a \$500 prize. It will be broken down into age groups. 12-14, 15-17, and 18-over. The current Indiana Poet Laurette will be the judge in this contest.

- Connie Weinzapfel, Katie Pritchett, Melora Adams, Linda Warrum, and Jeanne Maudlin are currently working on a grant in honor of the late Lena Feiner. This grant would give \$2,500 to a female researcher researching women's issues here at the WMI.
- Nathan Maudlin made the motion to use Tom Guggenheim's Tree trimming services. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

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.