

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on July 15, 2021.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Tom Cullum, Trustee Tamara Allison, FWMI President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and Andy Weintraut from Schultheis Insurance. Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined via Zoom.

Minutes of the June 17, 2021, meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Ryan Rokicki. Tamara Allison moved to accept and hold for audit. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

#### FWMI Report

- Lectures will return to the WMI on August 6, with Taylor Rokicki's "How Typing Brought Women Out of the Home and Into the Workforce."
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> presentation at the Atheneum brought in 189 patrons.

#### Old Business

- Ms. Weinzapfel gave an update on the Roof Restoration project. Connie, Ryan and Adam Green met with the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) on July 1. They gave us the go ahead to seek bids despite not yet receiving final verification of funding from the National Parks Service. Adam was granted permission to proceed with the bid paperwork. The plan is to publish the required Request for Bids by the end of the month. It will have to be advertised for 14 days. We will advertise three consecutive days in the Evansville Courier and Press. The advertisement will also appear in the Posey County News that same week. One pre-bid meeting will then be held at the WMI where any potential bidder can meet with Adam. Once the bids have been received, Adam is recommending that we have a review of the bids at a public meeting. A decision will not have to be made that night. Some potential bidders are finding the fall timeline for completion to be a challenge. Therefore, Connie recommended that the project be completed no later than April 15, 2022.

#### New Business

- Andy Weintraut from Schultheis Insurance was here to present options for insurance coverage for our facility as our current provider is no longer offering earthquake coverage. The quotes included Cincinnati's new offer (without earthquake coverage), a quote from Hastings Insurance that includes earthquake coverage, and another from Zurich that not only includes earthquake, but also takes into consideration the historic nature and significance of the WMI. The issue was tabled for a future meeting.

- Tamara Allison proposed a collaborative program between the WMI and Kiwanis. Kiwanis recently received a \$10,000 grant through the Efroymsen Family Fund to be used towards activities for the children of New Harmony. Once a month, the WMI would hold a Kiwanis Story Time. A Kiwanian would read a book of their choice and then engage the children in a meaningful activity pertaining to the book. Then each child would receive a copy of the book. The WMI would handle the pre-registration and the ordering of books at library discounts if needed. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the Kiwanis proposal. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made the motion to accept the claims. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report July 15, 2021

Our summer reading program "Tales and Tails" began on July 1, 2021. Week one we had 4 children in attendance, week two we had 8 children and this week we had 10. We are glad to see the kids back at the WMI for our programs.

The Farmers Market Presented by the WMI is still going strong. We have had over 340 people the last two Saturdays.

The New Harmony Music Festival and School held their annual Music Festival July 7-11. The WMI hosted two pop-up concerts and a movie for this event.

Jim Naas was in yesterday. He will be back next week to finish installing the shelf in the staff bathroom.

The Indiana Historical Society has awarded the WMI a Heritage Support Grant in the amount of \$15,000.

Our annual library report has been reviewed. We are in compliance with the Indiana State Library.