

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on June 17, 2021.

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

Minutes of the May 20, 2021, meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted.

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

#### FWMI Report

- The book sale on June 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The Friends raised \$1,800.
- Our first lecture will be August 6, with Taylor Rokicki's "How Typing Brought Women Out of the Home and Into the Workforce."
- Our July 4<sup>th</sup> keynote speech will be presented by Abigail Owen Pontez. Docey Lewis will be reading the Declaration of Independence. The event will be held at the Atheneum rather than the WMI. The Community Choir will be performing as well.

#### Old Business

- Roof Restoration Project. Our architect, Adam Green has submitted drafts of the bid documents to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology. Since the project is over the \$100,000 threshold, the bid opportunity must also be advertised in newspapers at least three times. Adam continues to finalize the bid documents for DHPA approval.
- Additional discussion was held regarding fundraising for the project.

#### New Business

The reception for \$500+ donors to the Roof Project will be Thursday, September 23.

#### Director's Report (see attached)

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report June 17, 2021

Our Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales" is on the calendar for July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>. The program will be held Thursday mornings at 10:30. We have several exciting activities planned. Children of all ages are welcome to participate.

The annual curatorial outreach from the Indiana State Museum is wrapping up. Peggy Fisherkeller, Randy and Deb Patrick and their team have been busy again this year identifying and cataloging specimens in our natural history collection. Although this was the first year without Ron Richards at the helm, the team is having a productive visit under Peggy.

Documentary film maker Daniel Ross will be visiting New Harmony this coming weekend to film for his new project concerning 19<sup>th</sup> Century utopian communities. WMI volunteers Linda Warrum and Marlene Huffaker will be interviewed.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped set up for the book sale. We could not have done it without the Janik Family, Ayden Rokicki, and of course the many members of the Friends.

I am planning the return to in-person programs and lectures at the WMI. Mike Strezewski is committed to a lecture later this Summer.