

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on September 16, 2021.

President Fred Frayser called the 2022 budget hearing to order at 4:45 p.m. There were no patrons that had any concerns or questions. The 2022 budget adoption is slated for the October 19, 2021 membership meeting. The 2022 budget hearing was then adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Tom Cullum, Trustee Tamara Allison, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Joining via Zoom was Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel and Architect for the roof restoration project, Adam Green.

The Tabulation of the three bids was presented to the board. Adam Green has been consulting with the bidders Durable Slate, Elpers Brothers, and Smithers. These are all very capable contractors. The Question was asked if the bids included housing the workers. The bids do include housing. However, we did not ask for them to break down housing costs in the estimates. If we found suitable housing this could save us money. It was suggested that we ask the Blaffer Foundation if we could use their properties for housing the workers. Connie spoke with Russ (?) from Smithers. Ryan spoke to DHPA about the deadline. He asked if we hire Smithers for this project and they are not able to complete the project by the Grant Deadline if we could get an extension. We would not be able to get an extension. Smithers said they could finish this project by August 1, 2022. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to hire Smithers Construction at a base bid of \$589,000 to restore the roof. Nathan seconded. Tom Cullum opposed. Approved. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to authorize Adam Green to reach out to Tri-State painting to coordinate a final bid and a final bid for the roof restoration. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved

Minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

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

Nathan Maudlin made the motion to move \$175,000 from our actively managed accounts and place it in our Roof Restoration Fund with the intent of replacing it with other fundraiser proceeds. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

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- The Chili Cook-off has been cancelled for 2021. We are exploring other fund raisers. Jan Kahle will be presenting "On Her Shoulders" Tuesday October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

- The reception that was going to be held on Friday September 24, 2021 has been cancelled. It was suggested to move it to Friday October 29, 2021 with a back-up date of November 5, 2021.

New Business-None

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 September 16, 2021

Travel Author Bill Clevlen was here on Saturday September 11th promoting his new book "Finding the American Dream." There were 10 people in attendance. We would like to thank Ken and Peggy Myer for hosting this event.

Last night Dr. Mike Strezewski presented "An Excellent House of Private Entertainment:" The Harmonist Tavern in New Harmony, 1815-1825. We had 15 patrons in attendance.

The Farmers Market Presented by the WMI will continue through the month of October.

I made the Journey to Minnesota this past weekend to pick it up the eight- legged calf.

Rodney Wade has put in the concrete pad for the sculpture. The sculpture was made by Pat Macdonald.

We are ready for our book sale this weekend. A big thank you to Heather Janik, Jeanne Maudlin, Ann Angle-Garrett, Paula Schmidt, Chuck and Bonnie Minnette, Ava Steller and Tom Straw for their help setting up.

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Jan Kahle, a lifelong resident of New Harmony, will discuss Francis "Fanny" Wright and her influence in the Women's Rights Movement.

The Kiwanis Story Time has 15 children signed up to attend. The books have been ordered and scheduled to arrive tomorrow. I have a meeting with Mrs. Allison after the Trustees meeting.