

Working Men's Institute Members Meeting~ July 20, 2021

Dan Busler called the Membership Meeting to order. Sixteen (16) active members answered roll call.

Minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting were distributed prior to this evening's meeting. Jan Kahle moved to accept the minutes as presented. Tom Cochran seconded. Approved.

Fred Frayser's report included a review of all projects during the past decade that were funded, either wholly or in part, by interest and dividend income from the WMI's investments. Mr. Frayser also detailed the proper procedures that are in place for using those funds. His report concluded with a review of the dates and times for the WMI's meetings and a brief summary of the ongoing fundraising for the roof replacement project.

Fred Frayser then presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and hold for audit was made by Mike Axton. Tom Cochran seconded. Accepted.

Secretary's Report ~ none

FWMI Report was given by Jeanne Maudlin.

Committee Report:

Personnel-None

Long-range planning-None

Special Projects-None

Membership- Dan Busler read aloud from the by-laws due to so many members missing meetings. The Covid-19 pandemic cancelled all membership meetings over the course of the last year. Tom Stahl made a motion to reset the count of missed meetings for each member starting with the April 27, 2021 meeting. Tom Cochran seconded. Approved. A letter informing all members of the by-laws regarding attendance will be sent out to each member as well.

Old Business ~ none

New Business ~ Fred Frayser presented the Resolution of Respect for honorary member Ron Richards. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the Resolution. Jan Kahle seconded. Approved.

Director's Report ~

- We were very fortunate to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Efroymsen Family Fund to honor Lena Feiner. The Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies has been established. This year's grant recipient is New Harmony resident Karen Moser.
- We have received eight sections of fence from Historic New Harmony. Chris Koester placed it in the basement for storage.

- The annual two week Curatorial Outreach from the Indiana State Museum wrapped up in June. As Mr. Frayser said, this is the first year without Ron Richards. Peggy Fisher-Keller is now leading that project with Randy and Deb Patrick continuing on in their roles.
- Filmmaker Daniel Ross was here filming a documentary on utopian communities. He interviewed Linda Warrum and Marlene Huffaker. The WMI certainly has a presence in this next installment of New Harmony history.
- We are glad to be hosting events again here at the WMI. The New Harmony Farmer's Market presented by the WMI is doing quite well. Over the last three months we have had 1,800 visitors here at the WMI.
- Our Summer reading program Tales and Tails began on July 1, 2021. The first week we had four children. The last two weeks we have held steady with ten children each.
- The New Harmony Music School used the WMI on July 7, 2021 for two pop-up concerts and a movie. Both events were well attended.
- Jim Naas has completed the staff bathroom.
- The Indiana Historical Society has awarded the WMI a Heritage Support Grant for \$15,000. That is to support the collection manager's position that Melora Adams currently fills.
- Our Annual Library Report has been reviewed by the Indiana State Library and we are in compliance.

With no other business, Charles Huck moved to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.