

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on March 18, 2021.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary of the Friends of the Working Men's Institute Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap. Trustee Tamara Allison joined the meeting via phone Conference.

Minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Nathan Maudlin 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. Ms. Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

The FWMI report was given by Friends Secretary Jeanne Maudlin. A book sale has been set for June 12th - 13th to coincide with the Antique Show. A second sale has been tentatively set for September 18th - 19th to coincide with Kunstfest. Our Independence Day speaker will be Abigail Owen-Pontez. This is to commemorate the 250th birthday of Robert Owen. It will be a recorded event like last year and be available to view on Facebook. The Chili Cook-off has been set for Saturday October 16th. This coincides with Arts in Harmony as well as the Dulcimer Festival.

Old Business

- The Board is working on donations from the Members for the Roof Restoration Project. Mr. Maudlin suggested a logo or icon specific to the Roof Restoration Project with different levels of monetary gifts. A reception for donors was also discussed.
- The next round of solicitation letters/packets will go out on March 26, 2021.

New Business

- Mr. Maudlin and Ryan have had discussions with Mike Therber regarding the possibility of him serving as Municipal Advisor for the Roof Restoration Project should we seek a General Obligation Bond from the Town of New Harmony. Mr. Therber has expressed his interest and has provided information as to the processes associated with such a bond. A follow-up meeting with Mr. Therber has been set for March 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- Ryan reported that our accountant, Julia Batey, has calculated that our fund balances be established as follows: The General Fund beginning balance should be \$8,870.64 and the Gift Fund should be \$2,916,282.64. These figures should date from January 1, 2020. This will satisfy a Correction Item from the State Board of Account's audit last summer. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to establish the fund balances per Julia's suggestions. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report March 18,2021

Work is continuing on the staff bathroom. Jim Naas has finished the drywall and is now refinishing the floor.

We received notice earlier this week that our Payroll Protection Program loan has been forgiven and paid in full.

I submitted a preliminary proposal to the Indiana Historical Society for a heritage support grant asking for \$30,000 continued funding for our collection management activities. We received word last week the proposal has been approved and we have been invited to submit a full grant proposal.

We have gone public with the Arlene Feiner Research Grant. The Grant portal is featured on our website and is also available on Facebook. We are submitting an article to the Posey county news next week. I sent various institutions invitations to apply.

We are beginning to have small groups book the meeting room for various activities.