

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on October 21, 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, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap.

Minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

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

At our quarterly meeting, which was held Tuesday October 19, 2021, the officers for the Board of Trustees were voted in for another term. The meetings are held on the Third Thursday of each month at 4:45 p.m. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to keep the Board of Trustees meetings set for the third Thursday of each month at 4:45p.m. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

FWMI Report -None

Old Business

- Roof update- A productive Zoom meeting with Smither Roofing and Adam Green was held last week. Connie, Fred, and Ryan attended for the WMI. Smither has recognized a source for slate and is going to purchase. A discussion regarding housing was held as well. They are open to collaborating with the WMI on finding appropriate housing. Their crew will be working Monday-Thursday for ten hours each day so they are not away from home for so long. They had looked at the Barn Abbey. Fred Frayser has been in contact with the president of the Blaffer Foundation about using some of their properties. Smither has a sub-contractor that will erect scaffolding around March 1, 2022. The placement of the scaffolding will keep the building accessible during the restoration process. We spoke about what will need to be done in the attic during the process. It was suggested that sheet plastic be staged there in case of any leaks. The painting will be done separately. They are hoping to start in mid-March.
Adam Green sent in the contract to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology (DHPA) for their approval.
- The reception for the donors will be held on October 29, 2021 at 5:30. Denise Rapp is catering this event and should be here at 4:45 p.m. to set up. Adam Green and a representative from Smither Roofing will be here as well. Both will make a short presentation. There will be a poster regarding fundraising. Ryan has created a "Why Slate? Why Smither?" poster. It will take place in the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge.

New Business-

- Nathan Maudlin made a program suggestion that the WMI hold continuing education Teachers' Conferences. The WMI has hosted these types of conferences in the past.
- It was requested that Ryan Rokicki put \$175,000 that we drew on investments into a Certificate of Deposit at Fifth-Third Bank. We will need to get two. One for \$99, 000 and one for \$76,000. Connie Weinzapfel made a motion to get two six-month CDs that gather interest in the next six months with Fifth-Third Bank. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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 October 21, 2021

The Farmer's Market Presented by the WMI is still going strong. There are two Saturdays remaining. October 30, 2021 will be their final day for the season.

The Kiwanis Story Time held on September 30, 2021 had 14 children in attendance. The next Story time will be Thursday October 28, 2021 at 6:30. We have 23 children signed up for this event. The books have been ordered and arrived yesterday.

Jan Kahle presented "On Her Shoulders" Tuesday October 12, 2021 about the life of Frances Wright. There were twenty-eight patrons in attendance.

Indiana State University was here this past Tuesday for a tour.

Patty Beagle is now having advanced yoga classes here at the WMI on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

I have hired Robert Ratcliff to build the display case for the eight-legged calf.

On November 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Melissa Buller will present "Philanthropy, A Door of Promise and Hope."