

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on January 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. Director Ryan Rokicki Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, Adam Green and Robert Bernardin. Trustee Tamara Allison Joined the meeting by Zoom Video Conference.

Mr. Frayser suspended the agenda to allow architect Adam Green and Robert Bernardin to have the floor.

Adam green presented an update on the roof. He provided a sample of the material for the historic preservation and repair of the roof. The samples were of both synthetic slate and real slate.

Robert Bernardin reported that he had received a call about the Jeanne Miller Fund. Hilliard Lyons Trust Company raised the minimum to \$1 million dollars. It was advised that this trust be moved from Hilliard Lyons Trust Company to a Baird Recommended Portfolio. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to allow the shift of the Jeanne Miller Fund from Hilliard Lyons Trust Company to the Baird recommended portfolio, to move roughly \$180,000 worth of stocks into the Baird portfolio addition from the Endowment and allow a change in this portfolio to allow a shift to where it would growth of income opposed to income growth. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

Minutes of the December 17, 2020 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. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

FWMI-None

Old Business

- Director Ryan Rokicki received a letter from the Efroymsen Family Fund on January 20, 2021. They have committed to give \$50,000 as a match. They want is to raise \$50,000 from yesterday [January 20, 2021] forward. With this contribution it would put us at \$340,000. It would leave us about \$100,000 short. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion that the Trustee's of the Working Men's Institute request a \$150,000 bond from the Town of New Harmony for the completion of the roof.

New Business

- Ken Meyer has an autograph from Daniel Ellsberg. Mr. Meyer received the autograph while he was attending I.U. Daniel Ellsberg triggered a national political controversy in 1971 when he released the Pentagon Papers to The New York Times, The Washington Post and other newspapers. He asked if the WMI would be interested in this unique part of history. It was decided that this would make a great addition to our collection.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report January 21, 2021

Our "12 Stories of Christmas" Facebook event was a huge success! We had 8,241 views. Peggy Meyer had the most views with 3,543. Katie Reineke-Pritchett held second place with 1,514 views. A big thank you to all who participated!

We had 6,132 adults and 667 children visit the WMI in 2020. We were down quite a bit from 2019. There were 6620 adults and 2668 children that visited the WMI 2019, a difference of 2,486 adults and children. These differences were due to the closure of the WMI during the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the end of last month, I did get Tom Guggenheim's assessment on our trees. There was one major critical issue. That tree has since been removed. Currently, the other trees are low risk. He did recommend some pruning.

Kirby Wilson passed away January 16, 2021. The family requested that in lieu of flowers that all memorial contributions be made to the WMI. We have received some small contributions in honor of Kirby.

Currently working on Annual State Library Report as well as the Annual Financial Report.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on February 18, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference.

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

Minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Tom Cullum 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. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

FWMI-None

Old Business

- Indiana Landmarks \$50,000
- We have received between \$1500 and \$1600 from Kirby Wilson donations. These donations will go towards the preservation of the calf.
- Efroymsen has committed \$50,000 as a match up to \$150,000.
- It was suggested that Ryan Ferber be hired as municipal advisor. The question did arise of how much it would affect individual taxes. Financing over a longer period would help ease the impact. Connie Weinzapfel made a motion to give Nathan Maudlin and Ryan Rokicki the authority to hire Ryan Ferber as the Municipal Advisor for the roof Project. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved

New Business

- Mr. Maudlin felt that today's closure due to inclement weather was unnecessary. Fred Frayser explained that he uses other area closures as a guideline for the WMI being closed. He felt the closure was unavoidable as some of the side streets as well as many rural roads were still extremely slick due to the ice and snow.
- We have one virtual program so far this year. Grotosque 10 is slated for March.
- Indiana Library Federation is assisting people who want to get the Covid-19 Vaccine. Ryan will continue to research and stay in contact with the health department.
- The receiver portion of the projector is broken. The parts are available but due to the weather they have not been unable to reach the WMI. It was determined that lightning could have been the cause.
- Indiana Historical Society Grant is for projects that will help Indiana's local history organizations meet high priority needs in areas of Collections Stewardship, Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion, Sustainability, and Planning. The question was asked if this grant could be used for the roof restoration. They like collection-based opportunities so this grant would help keep Melora Adams as our Collections Manager.
- The WMI is sponsoring a creative writing contest with Historic New Harmony in honor of the 250th birthday celebration of Robert Owen. These writings would include Poetry,

essays, etc. There will be a \$500 prize. It will be broken down into age groups. 12-14, 15-17, and 18-over. The current Indiana Poet Laurette will be the judge in this contest.

- Connie Weinzapfel, Katie Pritchett, Melora Adams, Linda Warrum, and Jeanne Maudlin are currently working on a grant in honor of the late Lena Feiner. This grant would give \$2,500 to a female researcher researching women's issues here at the WMI.
- Nathan Maudlin made the motion to use Tom Guggenheim's Tree trimming services. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum made the motion to accept the claims. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on April 15, 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 March 18, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Connie Weinzapfel. It was suggested that an additional amount be moved from the investment's holdings to the Roof Fund. After some discussion, the amount of \$75,000 was agreed upon. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to transfer \$25,000 from the Jeanne Miller Fund to the Roof Fund and to also transfer \$50,000 from the endowment stocks/option fund to the Roof Fund. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

Old Business

- The Membership meeting is April 27th. This is a week later than usual due to Nathan Maudlin and Connie Weinzapfel not having availability for this date. The Architect for the Roof Restoration, Adam Green, is available to do a presentation on this date.
- It was suggested to ask the Members to speak with town board members about donating to the Roof Restoration Project. The next Town Board Meeting is Tuesday April 20, 2021.

New Business

- Jeff Koester has been in contact with John Bush about moving the fence and placing it in the basement.
- Drainage (as it relates to our downspouts) needs to be addressed. Mr. Cullum will investigate this issue.

Director's Report (see attached)

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report April 15, 2021

HF Refrigeration has turned on our air conditioning for the season.

The virtual program "The Grotesque 10" presented by Mathew Duman had 6 participants. We would like to thank Mr. Duman for his time to give this very intriguing program.

The Paint-Out workshops have been successful again this year. They did things a bit differently and held the workshops outside on the lawn. The class sizes were smaller with seven participants.

The New Harmony Farmer's Market will begin Saturday April 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Our Summer Reading Program "Tales and Tails" is being planned. It will be beginning the last week of June and run until the first week of August.

The WMI mourns the loss of our honorary member, Ron Richards. Over the years Mr. Richards and his team conducted research here at the WMI. He passed on March 26, 2021. His death is an incredible loss for family, friends, colleagues, and the scientific community.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on May 20, 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 Secretary Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap.

Minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting and Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Special meeting had been sent electronically. Tom Cullum moved to accept the April 15, 2021 minutes. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Approved.

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

FWMI Report

- Our annual meeting will be held Thursday June 3, 2021 at the WMI.
- Our 2020 lectures have been rescheduled. Our first one will be in August with Taylor Rokicki.
- Our July 4th Keynote Speech presented by Abigail Owen Pontez will be videotaped and sent to us for our presentation. Docey Lewis will be reading the Declaration. The golf cart parade will begin at the WMI because the event is taking place at the WMI. We will discuss this more at the June 3rd meeting. The holiday falls on a Sunday so there could be some scheduling conflicts due to church.
- We are having our book sale during the Golden Raintree Antique Show that will take place on June 12th and 13th.
- We will be paying for part of the employee bathroom renovations.

Old Business

- Roof Restoration Project. We received the final disbursement from the Neva Don Carlos estate. This disbursement can be applied to the match from Jeremy Efroymsen. Mr. Frayser had spoken with a town council member about additional funding and the possibility of using the school fund.
- Connie and Ryan met with Adam Green.
- Tom Cullum has assessed the drainage issue and made suggestions.

New Business

- Jeanne Maudlin spoke to the Trustees about a possible reception during The Arts in Harmony Festival. The use of the grounds for a possible demonstration from the NH Clay Project was discussed as well. This festival will be held October 16th and 17th. Ryan has agreed to have a reception for the artists at the WMI on Friday night. This could serve as a check in location for the artists. This reception would also be open to NHBA members. She asked if the Trustees would be available to give tours of the building.

- The reception for the donors of the Roof Restoration project was discussed. A possible date for this event will be September 23, 2021.

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 May 20, 2021

The Farmer's Market Presented by the WMI is doing quite well. Over the course of the first month, we have had 1020 people visit the market.

Our Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales" is looking for volunteers as well as additional ideas for programs and books for the six-week program. So far, we have a couple programs on the calendar. PC Pound Puppies will be presenting a program focusing on rescued animals. Samantha Anderson has agreed to bring her horses. If you know of anyone that would like to volunteer, please contact Ryan or Shannon here at the WMI.

Karen Moser is the 2021 Recipient of the Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies.

We received the eight sections of fence from Historic New Harmony. It was delivered and placed in storage by Chris Koester.

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 12th – 13th 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 4th 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 1st – August 5th. 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 19th 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.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on July 15, 2021.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Secretary Tom Cullum, Trustee Tamara Allison, FWMI President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and Andy Weintraut from Schultheis Insurance. Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined via Zoom.

Minutes of the June 17, 2021, meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Ryan Rokicki. Tamara Allison moved to accept and hold for audit. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

FWMI Report

- Lectures will return to the WMI on August 6, with Taylor Rokicki's "How Typing Brought Women Out of the Home and Into the Workforce."
- The July 4th presentation at the Atheneum brought in 189 patrons.

Old Business

- Ms. Weinzapfel gave an update on the Roof Restoration project. Connie, Ryan and Adam Green met with the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) on July 1. They gave us the go ahead to seek bids despite not yet receiving final verification of funding from the National Parks Service. Adam was granted permission to proceed with the bid paperwork. The plan is to publish the required Request for Bids by the end of the month. It will have to be advertised for 14 days. We will advertise three consecutive days in the Evansville Courier and Press. The advertisement will also appear in the Posey County News that same week. One pre-bid meeting will then be held at the WMI where any potential bidder can meet with Adam. Once the bids have been received, Adam is recommending that we have a review of the bids at a public meeting. A decision will not have to be made that night. Some potential bidders are finding the fall timeline for completion to be a challenge. Therefore, Connie recommended that the project be completed no later than April 15, 2022.

New Business

- Andy Weintraut from Schultheis Insurance was here to present options for insurance coverage for our facility as our current provider is no longer offering earthquake coverage. The quotes included Cincinnati's new offer (without earthquake coverage), a quote from Hastings Insurance that includes earthquake coverage, and another from Zurich that not only includes earthquake, but also takes into consideration the historic nature and significance of the WMI. The issue was tabled for a future meeting.

- Tamara Allison proposed a collaborative program between the WMI and Kiwanis. Kiwanis recently received a \$10,000 grant through the Efroymsen Family Fund to be used towards activities for the children of New Harmony. Once a month, the WMI would hold a Kiwanis Story Time. A Kiwanian would read a book of their choice and then engage the children in a meaningful activity pertaining to the book. Then each child would receive a copy of the book. The WMI would handle the pre-registration and the ordering of books at library discounts if needed. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept the Kiwanis proposal. Tom Cullum seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report July 15, 2021

Our summer reading program "Tales and Tails" began on July 1, 2021. Week one we had 4 children in attendance, week two we had 8 children and this week we had 10. We are glad to see the kids back at the WMI for our programs.

The Farmers Market Presented by the WMI is still going strong. We have had over 340 people the last two Saturdays.

The New Harmony Music Festival and School held their annual Music Festival July 7-11. The WMI hosted two pop-up concerts and a movie for this event.

Jim Naas was in yesterday. He will be back next week to finish installing the shelf in the staff bathroom.

The Indiana Historical Society has awarded the WMI a Heritage Support Grant in the amount of \$15,000.

Our annual library report has been reviewed. We are in compliance with the Indiana State Library.

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on August 19, 2021

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Vice President Nathan Maudlin, Trustee Tamara Allison, FWMI President Jeanne Maudlin, Director Ryan Rokicki and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined via Zoom.

Minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Nathan Maudlin seconded. Accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented by Ryan Rokicki. Nathan Maudlin moved to accept and hold for audit. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.

FWMI Report

- Our first lecture of 2021 went over very well. Taylor Rokicki's "How Typing Brought Women Out of the Home and Into the Workforce." on August 6, 2021 had 30 people in attendance.
- Our third and final speaker of the year, Dr. Denise Lynn, had to cancel due to illness. We do have a replacement speaker. Melissa Buller will speak in her place. The date has changed to November 18, 2021.
- For the Chili Cook-off, Bonnie Minnette has revamped the letter for participants and is going to be sending those out soon.
- The book sale, that takes place during Kunstfest, is still a go. We would like for the Janik family to come and help set up for this. They do such a fabulous Job.

Old Business

- Roof update-We are going to open bids next week. We expect to receive at least three bids. The decision regarding which bid to award will not be made that night.
- The reception that was going to be held on Thursday September 23, 2021 has been changed to Friday September 24, 2021.
- Insurance-Tamara Allison moved to accept Andy Weintraut's Option Number Three for Zurich Historic Properties Program Insurance, (excluding the scheduled fine art coverage) with the annual premium quoted as \$14,940. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.
- The Kiwanis club accepted Tamara Allison's proposal to collaborate with the WMI for a Story Time. Mrs. Allison will speak with Ryan after the meeting regarding the details.

New Business

- Annual E-rate Resolution - in order to be reimbursed by the State for the costs of our internet service, we are required to pass a resolution each year to "Join Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access." Nathan Maudlin made the motion for the Trustees to sign the Annual E-rate resolution. Tamara Allsion seconded. Approved.
- Ryan received a letter from custodian, Kirsten Janik asking to increase her pay to \$15 per hour. Tamara Allison made the motion to increase Ms. Janik's pay to \$15 per hour effective immediately. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report August 19, 2021

Our Summer Reading program ended Thursday August 5, 2021. Attendance was down to 3 children the final week due to an uptick in Covid-19 cases. We would like to thank all who volunteered and participated.

Taylor Rokicki presented "Women and the Typewriter" Friday August 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. There were 32 patrons in attendance.

Sunday August 8, 2021 The New Harmony Dulcimer Company held a concert at the WMI. 27 patrons were in attendance.

Monday August 9, 2021 The New Harmony Dulcimer Company held several workshops here at the WMI. 27 people attended these workshops.

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.

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."

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Minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Accepted.

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

Old Business

- Roof update- Connie Weinzapfel, Adam Green, and Ryan Rokicki met with the Russ Love and his team from Smither Roofing yesterday. Representatives from Scaffold King were present as well. They will be ten feet out from the building with the scaffolding and the accessibility tunnel. The tunnel will branch off before reaching the elevator to allow access to both entrances. This will be set in place at the end of February. Heavy equipment will be placed on the outside of the fence on the west side of the building to avoid placing it on the lawn. Adam Green spoke with Tri-State Painting. They are honoring their earlier \$25,500 bid. They want to start immediately. More paint samples have been collected and sent to David Arbogast for analysis. Tom Cullum recommended that the roofing company as well as the painters be notified of the sprinkler heads located in the yard.

New Business

- Fred Frayser revisited the possibility of upgrading the lights in the Maclure Room. The last estimate from Josh Lamb was \$7,500 for this project. Mr. Lamb has recommended track lighting similar to what is in the Murphy Gallery as it would cause less damage to the ceiling. It was recommended that Mr. Lamb be contacted about an updated estimate, to include separated tracks and dimmers, before a decision is made.
- Three local art galleries, The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, The Hoosier Salon and The Mason-Nordgauer Fine Arts Gallery have coordinated a "Second Saturday Gallery Stroll." These occur the second Saturday of each month year-round. Tamara Allison suggested that the WMI participate in this event.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Connie Weinzapfel made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report November 18, 2021

The Farmer's Market Presented by the WMI held the last market of the season on Saturday October 30, 2021.

The Kiwanis Story Time that was held October 27 and 28, 2021 had twenty-three children sign up. We had four children the first night and sixteen the second night.

The reception on the progress of the roof restoration project was a success. We would like to send a big "thank you" to the anonymous underwriters of this event.

The Annual NHBA Trick or Treat the businesses was held on Saturday October 30, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We had thirty-two children come in for a treat!

The DAR held a reception in the Room for the dissemination of useful knowledge Sunday November 7, 2021. Twenty people attended.

Randy and Deb Patrick were here November 8-14, 2021 continuing their research and cataloging.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. Melissa Buller will present "Philanthropy: A Door of Promise"

Our Christmas Open House will be Friday December 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Denise Rapp will be catering the event.

Robert Ratcliff has reported that the display case for the calf is coming along nicely. It should be completed soon.

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

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. Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel joined by Zoom Video Conferencing.

Minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting had been sent electronically. Tom Cullum moved to accept the minutes. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

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

Old Business

- Roof and Painting update- Tri-state painting began painting last week. As of this morning they are about half completed.

New Business

- End of year transfers-Tom Cullum made a motion to authorize Ryan to make any necessary end of year transfers within budget line items required by the Department of Local Government Finance. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

During an executive session it was decided that each employee will receive a 5% pay increase (excluding one employee who has already received a pay increase). This increase will go into effect in January 2022. The Board asked that the employees take part in a time study during the month of February to see how each employee is using their time. Mr. Maudlin will be meeting with Ryan sometime in January to discuss this further.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Nathan Maudlin made the motion to accept the claims. Tamara Allison seconded. Accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report December 16, 2021

Melissa Buller presented "Philanthropy: A Door of Promise" Thursday November 18, 2021. There were 19 patrons in attendance.

The WMI hosted Santa and Ms. Claus Saturday December 4, 2021 for the annual Christmas in New Harmony Festivities. There were games and activities on the lawn as well as a take and make decoration in the library. We had 225 children and 275 adults visiting that day.

Our Facebook event, "12 Stories of Christmas," has commenced. Peggy Meyer read *Mistletoe* by Tad Hill in our first video which debuted on December 1, 2021. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for other stories. This event will run through Christmas.

The Department of Natural Resources held their South Region meeting in the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge Thursday December 9, 2021. There were 30 DNR officers in attendance.

Our Christmas Open House was a tremendous success. Janey Frayser and I both read a story to the children that attended. We had 45 people join us for the event.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week DJ's Tree Service was here and trimmed the trees based on Tom Guggenheim's tree assessment.

Tri-State Painting started last week on the cornices. They are replacing the current red with the tan color used on the windows as determined by paint analysis.

Kiwanis Story Time will be December 29 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. We have 20 children signed up.

Karen Moser, the recipient of this year's Lena Feiner Research Grant, will be in tomorrow to present a synopsis of her research leading up to her lecture.

I am working with Susan Sauls, Director of the USI Art Collections, on an exhibit about the Harmonists. This exhibit will take place in the Wright Administration Building from mid-January to July of 2022.

On Monday I am meeting with Ralph Baker at the Newburgh Museum to retrieve the objects we had on loan for their exhibit "Newburgh Rocks."

We had five patrons for the Second Saturday Gallery Stroll.

Jim Pulliam will be here tomorrow with his drone to take pictures of the painting of the building.