

Working Men's Institute Members Meeting~ April 19, 2022

Dan Busler called the Membership Meeting to order. Twenty (20) active members answered roll call. Others in Attendance were Director Ryan Rokicki, Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap, and Friends President Jeanne Maudlin.

There were no Minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting. A quorum was not present for this meeting.

Fred Frayser highlighted trustees' minutes.

Connie Weinzapfel presented the Treasurer's Report. Ted Moore moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and hold for Audit. Jim Pulliam seconded. Approved.

Secretary's Report~ None

Personnel Report~ The staff conducted a time study during the month of February. The Trustees have reviewed the time study and have concluded that the staff is very busy. The reason this time study was conducted was to evaluate if additional staff was needed and to see if the staff could make better use of their time.

Long Range Planning~ The Trustees agreed at last meeting to think more of a "long" range plan. We agreed that we would have someone do a facilitation with us. This would include the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Trustees, the staff, and representatives from the volunteers. There will be two meetings. The first meeting was held this evening with the second one to be held in May. These meetings are to help carry this institution into the future.

Special Projects~ None

Membership~ There is one opening. There was one nomination but was withdrawn at the time of the meeting. Currently, the position on the membership remains open.

FWMI Report was given by Jeanne Maudlin. So far this year the FWI have given to the WMI \$800 for renovation of the staff bathroom, \$750 for lodging expenses for Randy and Deb Patrick, \$1000 for digital lending service, and \$500 for the roof restoration. The FWMI 2022 lecture series brochures have been sent. Our first presenter will be Rod Clark with "The World of Whiskey" on May 18. Kent Schuette will be the Keynote speaker at this year's Independence Day festivities. August 4 Cathy Grafton will present the history of the Bayeux Tapestry. November 3 Peggy Taylor will present Craftmanship. Excellence, Past and Present. We will be having our annual book sales June 11 and 12 (antique festival) as well as Kunstfest weekend (September 17 and 18.) The chili cook-off is tentatively set for October 15 due to the state changing some food service rules.

Old Business~ Connie Weinzapfel reported that the roof restoration is nearing completion. She also presented a slide show of the progress to date. We have raised half the cost of the roof and the rest has come from capital gains on our investments. We did factor into our budget an extra \$10,000 for any extra costs. It was very disappointing that the town of New Harmony did not

support this project. Smither Roofing has been a marvelous company to work with on this project. The construction manager was knowledgeable about the slate and took pride in his work. The copper is what inflated the price from the initial quote. The new finial fabrication was necessary as the old one was not in well enough condition to reuse. The areas of the roof that were found in poor condition were repaired.

New Business~ None

Director's Report~

- The "Know Your Community" lecture series began on Thursday March 3, 2022. Claire Eagle, Historic New Harmony's Interim Assistant Director, presented *Historic New Harmony: Inspiring Innovation and Progressive Thought*. We had twenty-seven patrons attend. The next presenter in the series was Patty Beagle. She presented a lecture that explored the history of the Farmer's markets in Indiana, the evolution of local production of food, the requirements for participating in a farmers' market and highlights for the coming market season. The presentation ended with a question-and-answer session detailing what it takes to participate in the market. There were twenty-one patrons in attendance. Our next two lectures in the "Know Your Community" series: May 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Kent Schuette will be speaking about the Blaffer Foundation. June 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Amy Koch will be speaking about the Charles Ford Home.
- The 2021 recipient of the Arlene Feiner Memorial Research Grant for Women's Studies, Karen Moser, will present a lecture on May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. about how New Harmony women participated in the Suffrage Movement and how teenage girls today can be inspired by their stories.
- May 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Vice President, Nathan Maudlin will make a special Memorial Day program about Utah Beach and the D-Day invasion.
- Treasurer, Connie Weinzapfel will Present *France during Covid (or why I love the Frogs)* Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- Peggy Taylor's "Woven Together" weaving classes began Friday March 11, 2022 and Tuesday March 15, 2022. These classes were held for six weeks. Today was the last day for this event however, another grant has been applied for to continue having classes such as these here at the WMI.
- The painting "The Immaculate Conception" that hangs in the gallery upstairs has been sent to art conservator Paul Plaschke to be repaired.
- Kevin Valaderes presented *Mental Health First Aid* on March 17, 2022. Thirty people were in attendance.
- We have several of the recent banned books available to be checked out.
- The drone footage of the Roof Restoration Project is up on our Facebook page. This footage was made not long after the project began. We will be having more drone footage of the Roof when the project is completed.
- The WMI Insider has been upgraded! We hope these improvements will help keep you informed about things that are happening here at the WMI.

- Kiwanis Story Time is still going strong! There have been some cancellations due to inclement weather, but we are back on track! The next story time will be Wednesday Night at 6:30 p.m. Lois Gray will read *Wake up wood* by Michael Homoya.

With no further business, Ted Moore made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.