

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on June 16, 2022.

Fred Frayser called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Fred Frayser, Treasurer Connie Weinzapfel, Secretary Tom Cullum, and Director Ryan Rokicki.

Minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Connie Weinzapfel moved to accept the minutes. Tom Cullum seconded. Accepted.

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

FWMI – None

Old Business-

Roof Update – The roof has been completed. The remaining related projects include the repairs to the sidewalks (for which Smither Roofing has accepted some responsibility), and the painting of the upper windows. Adam Green is still working with us to facilitate this work. Ms. Weinzapfel made the motion to use the remaining roof project funds to pay the costs of the sidewalk repairs and window painting, and then to reinvest \$50,000.00 in unspent monies back into the WMI's investment accounts. From that, a sufficient amount will be placed into the Jeanne Miller Fund to increase that fund to a total of \$210,000.00, while any remainder will be reinvested into other areas of our endowment. Seconded by Tom Cullum. Approved.

Long - Range Planning - Connie Weinzapfel and Ryan will continue to work with Steven Stump moving forward with the Long – Range Plan. The next step is to incorporate ongoing or incomplete elements of the existing LRP in the new plan.

New Business –

Irrigation System – Fred Frayser asked Ryan to contact Jim Naas about turning on the irrigation system.

Director's Report (see attached)

Mr. Rokicki then presented the claims. Tom Cullum's motion to approve the claims was seconded by Connie Weinzapfel. Approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report June 16, 2022

The Selection Committee for the Lena Feiner Memorial Research Grant met at the beginning of the month to select this year's grant recipient. Arrianah Kubli, a PhD. candidate at the University of North Carolina was chosen for her proposed project, "New Harmony's Working-Class Readership of Women's Writing: A Study of Marginalia."

Nathan Maudlin's lecture, "Utah Beach and the D-Day Invasion" was attended by 34 patrons.

Connie Weinzapfel's lecture, "France During Covid: Or Why I Love the Frogs" was also had 34 people in attendance.

The June 3 open house to mark the completion of the roof restoration had 45 people in attendance. Special remarks were made by architect Adam Green, Russ Love of Smither Roofing, and project chairman Connie Weinzapfel. The donor plaque had been installed prior to the event. This was developed by Bippus Frame Shop with slate elements fabricated by Steven Warner of Smither Roofing.

The annual continuation of the State Museum's Curatorial Outreach to the WMI began on June 5 with the arrival of Randy and Deb Patrick. They will continue to catalog and identify specimens in our natural history collection. Peggy Fisherkeller had intended to resume her work as well but was sadly prevented from doing so due to Covid-19. We will look forward to a visit from her soon.

The Summer Reading Program, "Oceans of Possibilities" began today. Today's reading of "A Fish Out of Water" and the associated craft was attended by 10 children.