

The Board of Trustees of the Working Men's Institute met on September 22, 2022.

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

The Budget Hearing for 2023 was called to order by Mr. Frayser. No members of the public were in attendance, so no questions were offered. Mr. Frayser then adjourned the Budget Hearing. Budget Adoption will be held October 18, 2022 at quarterly meeting.

Mr. Frayser then called the Trustees Meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting had been sent electronically. Tamara Allison moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Connie Weinzapfel seconded. Approved.

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

In old business

- Sims Painting began painting and repairing the windows on Tuesday. Ryan was up on the lift today and inspected the work. The difference in the quality of the work between Tri-State Painting and Sims was quite striking. Adam Green will be here on Monday to inspect the repairs and painting.
- I talked with Josh Lamb today about our Surge Protection. There are some supply chain issues and the installation has been postponed once again.

In new business

- Annual E-Rate Resolution- 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." Tom Cullum made the motion for the Trustees to sign the Annual E-Rate Resolution. Tamara Allison seconded. Approved.
- Due to a huge influx in visitors during Kunstfest it is requested that more staff or volunteers be present during festivals.

Director's Report (see attached)

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

Director's Report September 22, 2022

Peggy Taylor held a beginning weaving class in the Room for the Dissemination of Useful Knowledge August 25, 26, and 27. This class was funded by a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission. There were eight (8) students in attendance. She will be offering another class beginning Thursday September 29, 0

Kiwanis Storytime was held Thursday August 28, 2022. We had eleven (11) children in attendance. The next Kiwanis Storytime will be held Thursday September 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Ken and Rose Back will be reading "The Tortoise and the Hare."

Storytime with Peggy Meyer has returned to the WMI! It began Thursday September 15, 2022 with two children in attendance. Peggy began this children's program in January of 2013. It was put on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This program will be held each Thursday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Ann McDonald will present "The Joy of Raising Monarch Butterflies" tonight at 6:30 p.m. This program will give you tips on different ways to help save the endangered Monarch Butterfly.

On Tuesday September 13, 2022, 182 students from the USI Freshman classed toured the WMI. We would like to thank Linda Warrum, Marlene Huffaker, and Karen Moser who volunteered as docents in our museum during this event.

The FWMI book sale went very well. We had approximately 1,160 patrons over the two-day event.

The New Harmony Farmer's and Artisan's Market presented by the WMI is over for the season.

The WMI has been invited to participate in the USI inaugural History Organization and Internship Fair. The fair will take place on October 5, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the University Center East Rooms 2217-2220. This event will offer an opportunity for students and history (or history adjacent) sites, museums, and other non-profits to connect in ways that are beneficial for all stakeholders. The goal is to have students learn more about the various organizations and opportunities available to them, and to assist our community partners in finding qualified students for internships and volunteer opportunities they offer.

The repair of the sidewalk has been scheduled for the middle of October. I have spoken with Jeff Smotherman about getting a permit. He doesn't think a permit is needed but we want to make sure we have one just in case it is a necessity.

The next ornament in the New Harmony Christmas Ornament series is the WMI. We would like to thank Robin Lewis for making this ornament. They are available to purchase at two local business' Capers Emporium and The Mews.