
Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The quarterly meeting of the Membership for the Working Men's Institute was held on April 15, 2025. Twenty members were in attendance. Additionally, Director Ryan Rokicki, Friends of the WMI President Jeanne Maudlin, and Circulation Specialist Shannon DeLap were present at the meeting.

Special Presentations

Ryan Rokicki gave a presentation about the Apple Peeler, Broad Ax Head, and the Town Clerk Stamp/Seal.

Andy Batt presented photos from the 2024 total eclipse.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the membership meeting on January 28, 2025, were sent out electronically. Mike Axton made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented, which Dan Busler seconded. The motion carried.

Christine Crews made a motion to suspend the reading of the Board of Trustees minutes and accept them as presented, which Jan Kahle seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Garrett moved to accept and hold the Treasurer's Report as presented for audit, Dan Busler seconded, and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

No Report

Friends of the WMI

Given by Jeanne Maudlin

We had a great lecture in March. We would like to thank Ann Garrett for moderating. We were unable to attend the event but were able to view it remotely. Thank you to Steven Stump for making this possible.

Upcoming FWMI Events:

May 13-Matt Rebeck FWMI LECTURE-Astronomy and Astrophotography-Taking a Trip Through the Cosmos From Your Back Yard

June 14 & 15- Booksale at the WMI

July 4-Independence Day Celebration at the Atheneum. Keynote Speaker, Andrew Wilson. The Declaration of Independence will be read by Karen Moser.

September 20 & 21-Kunstfest Booksale at the WMI

November 5- Annual Meeting

November 5- Brandi Perry and Amy Koch FWMI LECTURE-There is a Difference Between Living and Living Well.

Committee Reports

Personnel: No Report

Long-range Planning: No Report

Special Projects: No Report

Membership: No Report

Bylaws Committee: Amendment of Bylaws to be put on the July meeting agenda.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Directors' Report Presented by Ryan Rokicki

Kiwanis Story Time took place on Thursday, January 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. Donna Creek read *Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette* by Selene Castrovilla. February 27th, Debra Johnson read *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon. On March 27th, Suzy Schuette read *Little People, Big Dreams: Iris Apfel* by Marai Isabel Sanchez Vegara. Eight children were in attendance at all three events.

The most recent STEM Story Time was held on February 13; however, there was no attendance. Attendance has been low for this event. Tamara Allison and I have decided to cancel this program. However, the STEM area is doing quite well. Families are utilizing the area and taking advantage of the materials that can be checked out.

The winter session of Pre-school Storytime began January 16th. The Winter session closed on February 27th. The Spring session began on April 3rd and will close on May 22nd.

Despite weather-related cancellations, the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art hosted a lecture on January 11, 2025. The lecture focused on *Infinite Gauge* by Mackenzie Goodman and Adam Stacey. Twelve patrons attended.

Peggy Taylor has launched another free weaving class at the Working Men's Institute, with the support of the Indiana Arts Commission. A second round of winter weaving classes took place February 1, 8, and 15, where participants gathered from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After the conclusion of these enriching classes, the looms were vacated from the study room, ensuring that this space can be utilized for future endeavors. We have submitted a letter to our lawmakers and applied for more grant opportunities with the Indiana Arts Commission.

On February 28, Anna Tsouhlarakis delivered an Artist Talk in conjunction with her exhibition "Encountering" at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art. Twelve patrons attended the event.

On March 6, Doug Ginder, the Southern Medical Entomologist for the Indiana Department of Health, presented a discussion on the various types of mosquitoes and the different methods used for their control. Thirty patrons attended the event.

Rebecca May Hope, the recipient of the Feiner Grant, gave her lecture titled *Women of Paradise: Legacy of the Female Boatloaders* on March 12. Forty-six patrons were in attendance.

Kelley Morgan of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites presented *Indigenous Earthworks of the Harmonist Cemetery*. Thirty-two Patrons attended the event.

The University of Evansville Jazz ensemble was here on March 26th and performed in the Maclure Room.

Shannon and I have finished our work on the State Library Report. Additionally, I completed the Annual Financial Report and the Indiana Business Entity Report. All of them have been submitted.

The Posey County Community Foundation utilized the Maclure Room on February 12th and February 24th.

We are looking into the streaming services Hoopla and Kanopy. These services are similar to Libby. These services will allow our patrons to check out movies and videos digitally.

Friday, April 11th, I attended the Indiana Library Federation Regional Conference at the Ford County Public Library in New Albany, Indiana.

Josh Lamb will be here Friday to continue some electrical work and repairs.

HF Refrigeration will be here Friday as well, to transition from heat to Air Conditioning.

The Research rooms have been cleaned out and can now be used. Ben Angel was generous enough to donate a flatbed scanner so we could begin digitizing documents.

The lampposts will be getting refreshed. Thank you to Michael Guard for this service.

Upcoming:

April 24- Kiwanis Story Time Kelsey Georgesen is scheduled to read *Abiyoyo* by Pete Seeger.

April 30-Invasive plant lecture and golf cart tour at 5:30 p.m.

April 23-25- Heritage Days and First Brush of Spring

Adjournment

Charles Huck made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which Dan Busler seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was then adjourned