

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2016
Old Library

Present: Pat Jennings, Lisa Foley, Tim Clark, Mary Maxwell,

Not present: Tom Aciukewicz, Sheila Simollardes

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

The minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the board. Pat moved to approve the minutes as amended, vote to approve was unanimous.

Old Business

Lisa will submit the draft letter to the town that the WFL trust will be responsible for the allocation of trust funds as stated in the original trust documents once the funds from the Ford Nursing Trust account have been transferred to the WFL account. (See new business)

New Business

Upcoming Author lecture 9/23. All Excited to speak. Authors to arrive 6:15, lecture from 7-8pm. Reception to follow at 8:15 pm at the General Store. (Tim to hang back and close up) Concord Bookshop handling the book signing. Helen Batchelder will moderate the panel and lead the discussion. She will also contact some teens to help the book signing which will occur at the General Store. Pat will handle arranging the room, John Chapman will provide music, Mary will do flowers. Cheese and fruit plates (by Mary) and water to be provided by WFL (approx. \$150). Fruitlands will co-host.

Future lectures for 2016-2017 season

Sheila will be leading a program about the underground railroad on October 21 , in particular a period re-enactor Lynne McKenney Lydick as Abby Kelly Foster and her program "Yours for Humanity". Freedom's Way was a suggested co-sponsor of the event. Sheila contacted Freedoms way (Director – Trish). Lisa will finalize a contract/letter for sponsorship from Freedoms Way.

Tim brought a short film "Charlotte" about wooden boat building on Martha's Vineyard. The film is available for viewing for free. The Director of Photography lives in Cambridge. He and the producer have been contacted about attending the screening to talk about the making of the documentary. The program would start at 7pm – Film run time is 1 hr 36 min. Leaving 20 minutes for discussion. Date is January 27. Mary will confirm with the library for availability.

Lisa has been contacted by Steve Peisch about an auditory program "Sounds in Nature and how it affects the human body". This program is still to be developed by Steve but could be an opportunity for co-sponsorship with the Harvard Conservation Trust (Mary will contact HCT). There is room in the schedule for a possible February 17 lecture tentatively because April is not available.

Lisa contacted the Greater Worcester Opera about an Opera 101 program March 10 that would involve demonstrations by opera singers etc. Cost \$300-\$500 (depending on number of people) and WFL is looking for a co-sponsor. Tim will contact Fanfare to see if they are interested in co-sponsoring.

Lisa brought of the idea that our lecture seasons should have a "Theme" that would reflect the programming for the year. Suggestions included "Discovery, Tradition, Heritage etc. The board was enthusiastic about the idea as it could be part of the part of the promotional materials for the upcoming season.

Communications – We should continue to feed the Harvard Press with articles/releases in advance of the events.

Bring ideas for next season's lectures to the next meeting.

We adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday October 17 at 6:00PM at Town Hall.