

**Warner Free Lecture Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Via Zoom Meeting pursuant to Governor Baker's Order's**

**Trustees Present:** Lisa Foley (chair), Pat Jennings (Treasurer), Jeff Boudreau (Publicity), and Alison Thornton (Assistant Secretary). Sheila Simollardes (Events) arrived at 6:30pm

**Absent:** Jennifer Combs (Secretary)

**Meeting Called to order at 6:02pm.**

**Review and approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:** Clarification was made about a comment by Jeff. Jeff commented that he had a question of wording "Is chair cannot move a question the same as chair cannot make a motion?" Jeff reports his words were, "Chair cannot make a motion." Alison will tweak the minutes to reflect this edit. No other changes reported. Jeff motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Pat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Lisa reports as a follow up that upon review of Robert's Rules, the Chair is not restricted from making or seconding a motion. Board members may recuse themselves if there is a conflict as needed.

**March 26 Program: "Crocodile Music."** Jeff reports from publicity that he has provided updated information on website as requested.

Lisa reports, that due to her stepping back, Jennifer is requesting that someone else take over as program director for this event. Lisa is going to reach out to Jennifer to get Zach's email and discuss his needs for the performance and sound set up so that it sounds good on Zoom.

Lisa will have Zach come early to review ground rules for Zoom presentation.

Arm in Arm (co-sponsor for this event) was sent our link to our Facebook post for Crocodile Music. Jeff sent them the press release. Jeff has a spreadsheet for things to send out to partner organizations as needed.

Pat reports that the payment check of \$500 is being processed and she will mail the check after the performance. Eventbrite has 35 reservations with 16 days to go. Advertising was discussed. Lisa will check with Zach about if he is advertising this. Arm in Arm does seem to be advertising. Press has been advertising already. No news yet about a feature article. If under 100 people, we would not need the school account. Alison will reach out to HES and Bromfield communities. Jeff will monitor numbers to let Lisa know if we need to ask Linda Dwight for use of school account.

**February 26 Program "Rising from the Rails: Pullman Porters and the making of the Black Middle Class."**

Generally favorable reviews. Discussed possibly partnering with Arm in Arm on a book read and then having the author speak. Larry Tye's recommendation to allow a son of one of the

Pullman porters interviewed by Tye to share his father's experience during our program was a success.

**Vacancy in WFL Trustees:**

Jennifer has decided not to run for reelection at the end of her term.

Lisa will complete job description of WFL Trustees positions. Description will give guidelines and expectations of being a WFLT board member. Can be posted on FB page, Town of Harvard Website. Intent is to give people and idea of what we do. Current description reviewed Lisa will polish, add logo a bit about the mission of WFLT and send out to Jeff for distribution on Facebook page/website.

6:30 Sheila arrived at the meeting.

Alison can email Julie Doucet for posting on town Website once complete.

Alison moved to have Lisa complete make changes as indicated and send out to committee.

Jeff Seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Jeff is also considering whether or not to run again this year. He has not made a final decision.

There may be two vacancies.

**Upcoming Programs:**

Discussed and reviewed potential programs for 2021-2022 season.

Discussion followed of fees and how to select presenters.

Eric Jay Dolin (A Furious Sky: The Five Hundred Year History of America's Hurricanes) Lisa proposed and Alison will follow up to determine available dates and fees.

David Vermette (A Distinct Alien Race) Jeff proposed and will follow up for available dates and fees. Possible co-sponsor of Harvard Historical Society. May be a conflict if Harvard Historical Society possibly has a speaker on a similar topic. Jeff will follow up on potential conflict.

Jim Infantino (Alternate Economies in Superlative Fiction) Jeff proposed and will follow up for available dates and fees. Jeff recommends listening to Jim's online presentation pf Big Ego.

Sherly Fay (Sally Ride) Pat will follow up with available dates and fees.

Native Plants (Garden in the Woods and Nasami Farm). Alison will follow up on their availability and fees with the plan that they would be a good fall back if any of this season's programs fall through or would be a good addition to next year's list. Suggestions for co presenters include Harvard Garden Club. Discussion of fees followed as pricing seems different based on who is speaking form the organization.

Tye Gagne (Where You'll Find Me) Sheila will follow up for cost and available dates. They have already had initial contact.

6:53 Pat left the meeting.

Sheila is going to look into Friday dates for booking Volunteers Hall with Mary Wilson for January through March and Fall availability in anticipation of Covid-19 restrictions easing.

Discussion on how Friends of the Harvard Public Library asked for input from WFLT about wants for a new sound system in Volunteers Hall. Whichever AV system it would be helpful for us to be trained on how to use the system during our presentations. The sound system project has already gone ahead.

Item suggested for next agenda, talking about job descriptions, and getting ready for assigning officer roles for incoming new members.

Jeff requested help in resetting sandwich board sign on common following wind blowdowns. Sheila moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Next meeting Wednesday April 14, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm**