

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
Old Library

**Present:** Pat Jennings, Lisa Foley, Mary Maxwell, Tom Aciukewicz,

**Not present:** Tim Clark, Sheila Simollardes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

We reviewed the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting. Lisa moved to approve the minutes as amended, vote to approve was unanimous.

**Old Business**

(On going) Lisa is drafting a letter asking for the WFL money from the Ford Nursing Trust account to be transferred to our account. Lisa will submit a second letter to the board for approval. This letter is for the town saying 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 are transferred to the WFL account. Lisa will separately ask for an account update from the town.

**New Business**

Signage:

We reviewed Pat's research for new signage on the common to replace our old sign from about 5 years ago. We approved a good quality sign that we unanimously agreed on a look. It will cost under \$500.

We reviewed the last lecture. It was well-attended (about 50), and we received payment from Freedom's Way as expected.

Details about January 27<sup>th</sup> program:

***It will be a new start time: 7pm!***

Tim has made all of the arrangements for a film "Charlotte" about wooden boat building on Martha's Vineyard. He forwarded a Press Release which Lisa will edit. Tim is exploring if the Harvard Press will publish an interview with the filmmaker.

Lisa will handle the Facebook and NextDoor Harvard publicity; Taz will do the email blasts.

Lisa, Pat, and Taz will provide refreshments.

**Future lectures for 2016-2017 season**

**Next events:**

*Next program is all set:*

February 17. Lisa is working with Steve Peisch to create an interesting auditory program "Sounds in Nature." Lisa confirmed that Mr. Peisch and David Pihl have developed a program. Lisa and Mary will work with the current details to co-sponsorship the \$300 program cost with the Harvard Conservation Trust (Mary has a contact with HCT). Lisa will see if either musician could be interviewed in the Harvard Press.

Lisa is finalizing an opera-related program with the Greater Worcester Opera about an Opera 101. They will possibly answer what is opera? They specialize in educational outreach, so Lisa will see if they might be able to work with interested choral students at Bromfield. It is scheduled March 10. It includes a demonstrations by opera singers. 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.

This will wrap up the season. We all agreed that we can try to get our planning for 2017-2018 going

We voted to agree that Lisa can sign a letter of support for a new Harvard Cultural Collaborative to use the Old Library. Lisa will sign this. Pat will get her the letter.

### **Other Ideas for**

Lisa brought up 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.

Tiny House – we could run something about tiny Houses similar to how Victor Normand ran the movie at his real estate office. Taz will explore this for the February 6 meeting.

Taz will contact Lancaster native John C. Shumacher-Hardy about a lecture on Harvard history.

[http://www.sentinelandenterprise.com/news/ci\\_26446833/rich-lancaster-history-uncovered](http://www.sentinelandenterprise.com/news/ci_26446833/rich-lancaster-history-uncovered)

Sheila saw a reenactment called "The Wave" about a tidal wave that was created in Norway after a Fjord earthquake. Might be very interesting.

An agent for Michael Tougias contacted WFL via email...we could do another presentation. He's the author of "The Finest Hours."

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

We adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday February 6 at 6:00PM at Town Hall.