

Warner Free Lecture Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00pm
Via Zoom Meeting pursuant to Governor Baker's Orders

Trustees Present: Lisa Foley (outgoing chair), Pat Jennings (retiring treasurer), Sheila Simollardes (Events), Steve Peisch (Publicity), Billy Salter (treasurer), Alison Thornton (Secretary, acting Chair)

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Sheila moved to accept the minutes as written. Pat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of March Event:

Jim Infantino drew an atypical audience from our usual attendees. The audience seemed to be comprised of Jim's followers who seemed to enjoy the lecture. The general consensus was that, while was very knowledgeable about his subject, it would not go well with our typical viewers. A take away lesson was to do better research about less established presenters to determine their level of comfort of speaking and professionalism. In the future, when screening potential presenters, to try to ensure they will be a good fit for our audience.

Discussion of Future Events:

(Sheila) Natalie Jacobsen –Natalie is all set to come in October, tentatively the 14th. Her book is out next month and she will talk about news in general and her role in the news.

(Alison) Kiliiii Yuyaun - Kiliiii is ready to talk about indigenous people and life across the arctic on Sept 9th 2022.

(Billy) Paul Richards or Caroline Uhler - Billy needs to get a commitment from Paul. Billy is confident he will be available.

Billy is concerned that Caroline may be too technical a presenter. He will focus on Paul for a January, while continuing to pursue a response from Caroline.

(Steve) Dave Pihl - Would love to come perform. Local to area. February date TBD.

A fifth presenter, to complete the slate is still needed. Alison will pursue Gretchen Schmelzer who is a psychologist who would be talking about trauma and "What is that space between healing and growth?" for the March date. If she does not work out, we will relook at the master wish list of possible presenters.

Motion to vote on the slate of presenters as listed: Kiliiii Yuyuan, in Sept: Natalie Jacobsen, in October; Paul Richards (need confirmation) in January; Dave Pihl, in February; Gretchen Smeltzer (need confirmation) in March.

Sheila moved to accept the slate of presenters as stated. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other Business:

Lisa will give Steve the WFL sandwich board. Discussion followed about condition of the sign. Steve will look at state of sign to determine repair or replace.

Lisa has given notice to town hall that she is stepping down from Warner Free. She will be moving documents into the Warner Free shared Google drive, by May 31st. She will give the password to Alison as incoming Chair. Alison will update the password and share it with Steve as Publicity. All communication from chair to Town Hall should go through the Warner Free email account not personal account. All correspondence from Town Hall should go to Warner Free email.

Lisa has the small table sign for set up during in person events. Lisa also has template for guest sign up form to be added to email distribution list.

A donation box has been used in the past for passive donations. Money generated tends to go in to petty cash for incidentals associated with events. This is not a priority as there is no intent to pressure attendees for donations.

Steve has a sound system for use at Volunteer's Hall, in case the library's new system isn't installed. We would need to procure a projector if visuals were needed.

Discussion followed about the need to continue meetings via Zoom as hybrid options requires training and equipment. Harvard Cable broadcasts all town committee meetings and make them available to all interested residents.

Discussion about write-in candidates needed to fill open positions. If no one runs for open spots, the selectboard could appoint to fill empty seats.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom to confirm dates of all next season presentations.

Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom to welcome newly elected trustees and say farewell to outgoing trustees.

Sheila Moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm