

Warner Free Lecture Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 10th 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 6:05pm

Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Pat moved to accept the minutes as written. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Farewell to departing members:

With appreciation and gratitude, we thanked the departing members, Lisa and Pat, for their many years of service to the Warner Free.

Confirm dates and finalize slate of presenters for 2022-2023 season:

There are still a few details that need to be finalized for next meeting.

Kiliii Yuyuan will come as Zoom presenter on Friday Sept 9th

Natalie Jacobson will come in person on Friday Oct. 14th. Her memoir, Every Life a Story will be coming out later this month.

Paul Richards is conditionally confirmed for a live presentation, January 13th. Due to the nature of his work, he cannot commit 100% if a job comes up.

David Pihl can do March 13th but Steve will look into the possibility of a February date instead.

Gretchen Schmeltzer is confirmed for in person on March 31st.

She has requested donations of her book, in lieu of payment, discussion followed around identifying the best places that benefit from her book.

Final discussion on presenters for next season has been moved to next meeting (March 24 at 6pm).

Discussion of fees: Typically, we have offered presenters \$250. If presenters request a higher amount, the trustees will discuss on a case-by-case basis. Due to inflation, there was a suggestion to move our standard request to \$300. We run off the interest from our endowment, so we need to be cognizant of the need to be frugal, with some exceptions.

Other Business:

Steve is looking into materials for a new sign with the WFL logo to be used along with the display sign to make it look more classic.

The Press has recently not been putting our season into the Harvard Events section. Historically they have done this. Lisa will follow up.

In anticipation of her departure, from the board, Lisa is coordinating documents for transfer, in the shared drive.

Steve moved to end the meeting. Billy seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.