

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting  
Wednesday, October 28, 2014  
Old Library

Present: Pat Jennings, Tom Aciukewicz, Lisa Foley, Sheila Simollardes, Brian Schimpf, Mary Maxwell

Not present: n/a

The meeting was called to order at 6.05 p.m.

The minutes from the September 2014 meeting were reviewed by the board. Brian moved to approve the minutes as read, and Sheila & Lisa seconded, passing the motion.

We went through the agenda.

### **Planning for Next Events**

Ron Della Chiesa – will speak about his time in radio. This is scheduled for November 21, 2014.

It is all set. Who's doing what:

Taz – Sends emails to WFL email list

Brian – Update the FB events page

Sheila – handles the media press releases. She'll send us the paragraphs so we can forward these publicity paragraphs in the emails and FaceBook page.

Following the Ninth – A night in December...This is an event put on by the Friends of the Library. They has requested a donation for co-sponsorship. Chris Frechette confirmed that the dates are the evening of December 6 and afternoon of December 7. We agreed to put \$200. Taz has requested Chris or someone contact WFL to start the process to get the money to the Friends of the library. We will also help with publicity.

Program details: We plan to show the movie Saturday, Dec. 6 (7:30) and Sunday the 7th (3:00). Doors open 1/2 hour before start. No other details yet but will send info soon.

### **Other Items**

Town Calendar – Mary has linked up our information to this trial. There's nothing else for us to do other than review the content. Mary has the access to enter our information. Mary will send out a link to this calendar.

Posting our yearly schedule into the local newspapers: Brian is going to track how much ads will cost in the Harvard Press and Harvard Hillside. We will put together an ad for the remaining schedule through May. If it costs less than \$100, Brian will move it forward. We will decide at later time which fund we will use to pay for it.

TAZ needs to check with Bob Eiland to see if we have a firm date for The Stone Girl play.

Lisa discussed her recent findings about the history of the Warner Free Lecture. She found that 2015-2016 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lecture. The initial season began on December 18, 1891. We will start to think about adding one or more lectures that could be related to the first set of lectures that happened in 1891. Mary will contact her friend at the MFA to discuss if there could be an angle to arrange a speaker to do a lecture based on the first lectures. We might want to

explore branding a Warner Free Lecture emblem and then create a banner with this logo that goes behind the speaking stage.

We will aim to have an article about the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the press in the Spring of 2015. Brian and Lisa will start to put this together.

**TBDs for future programs:**

For Black History Month, Pat has lined up Howard Manley to give a lecture in January 30, 2015 with a theme of Black History Month.

Memories for Sale – Friday March 13@ 7.30pm.

Public television – Friday April [10@7.30pm](#) – Michael Ambrosino

The Stone Girl – Mid May 2015...a play we are co-sponsoring with Friends of the Arts by Bob Eiland about native girls.

**Other ideas top consider.**

Brian will contact his friend, a playwright, who has a Shakespeare background. He could talk about Shakespeare and perhaps put on his play, Much Ado about Love.

Taz will contact John Schumacher-Hardy, a Lancaster, Ma author who has a new book out about local history.

Brian contacted Greater Worcester Opera (Elain Crane is the artistic director) about doing a future show. We can look into partnering with Center on the Common or Harvard Pro Musica. Elain is interested. Brian will follow up.

Sheila will see if we can get a ranger from the Olmstead building/library in Brookline to lecture on Olmstead landscape.

Brian wants to do a drama based on historical Harvard personalities. Radio Players might help us with this.

We adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday January 5, 2014 @6pm