

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2016
Town Hall

Present: Pat Jennings, Lisa Foley, Tim Clark, Mary Maxwell, Tom Aciukewicz, Sheila Simollardes

Not present: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

We reviewed the minutes of the Sept 12, 2016 meeting. Lisa moved to approve the minutes as amended, vote to approve was unanimous.

Old Business

(On-going) Lisa can submit the draft letter to the town 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.

New Business

We discussed addressing our aged, decrepit signage on the common. Pat will have some research on improved signage for us to purchase at our next meeting in January.

Next program is all set:

Sheila is leading a program about the Underground Railroad on October 21. It features a period re-enactor Lynne McKenney Lydick as Abby Kelley Foster and her program "Yours for Humanity". Freedom's Way was a suggested co-sponsor of the event. Sheila contacted Freedom's Way (Director – Patrice Todisco). Lisa will finalize a contract/letter for sponsorship from Freedom's Way.

Lisa's blurb will be in the Press. She will not be interviewed by the Harvard Press. Freedom's Way is supposed to send a \$250 check made out to Town of Harvard and WFL will write a check for \$500 *Worcester Women's History Project*.

Details about Friday night:

Sheila will MC and bring centerpiece and tablecloths.

Taz, Mary, Pat, and Tim will bring cider, brownies, and cookies.

We should track the headcount and report to Freedom's Way.

Future lectures for 2016-2017 season

Next events:

Tim will secure a film "Charlotte" about wooden boat building on Martha's Vineyard. The film is available for viewing for free. The Director of Photography lives in

Cambridge. He and the producer have been contacted about attending the screening to talk about the making of the documentary. The program would start at 7pm – Film run time is 1 hr 36 min. Leaving 20 minutes for discussion. Date is January 27. Mary will confirm with the library for availability. Tim is on the hook for creating/arranging an enticement – a Harvard Press interview? An article for the Harvard Press. Tim will try to have it ready by the end of November.

Lisa will work with Steve Peisch to create an auditory program “Sounds in Nature and how it affects the human body”. Lisa waiting for Mr. Peisch to come up with a write-up for the program. This program is still to be developed by Steve but could be an opportunity for co-sponsorship with the Harvard Conservation Trust (Mary will contact HCT). There is room in the schedule for a possible February 17 lecture tentatively because April is not available.

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 program March 10 that would involve demonstrations by opera singers etc. 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.

Other Ideas for

Lisa brought of 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.

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

Communications – We should continue to feed the Harvard Press with articles/releases in advance of the events.

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

We adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday January 9 at 6:00PM at Town Hall.