

Warner Free Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at 6:00pm
Held virtually via Zoom pursuant to Governor Baker's Orders

Trustees Present: Alison Thornton (Chair), Sheila Simollardes (Events), Steve Peisch (Publicity), Marisa Khurana (Secretary), Billy Salter (treasurer), Michael Kilian (co-Publicity, co-Secretary)

Agenda: meeting called to order at 6:02pm

1. Review and approval of minutes for WFL meetings and Dec 13, 2022.
Michael Kilian moved to approve minutes of Dec 6, 2022, Sheila seconded: unanimous
Billy Salter moved to approve minutes of Dec 13, 2022, Marisa seconded: unanimous
2. Discussion of preparations and publicity for upcoming Jan13th presentation.
 - Signage: up in center of town
 - Flyers: post office, town hall, general store, council on aging, five sparks, Bromfield, library, Carlson's farmstand
 - Social media: Next Door, Facebook, Warner Free email list
 - Emails via: Schools, PTO newsletters
 - Harvard Press article by Carlene Philips
 - Tech Requirements: Steve has talked to Paul Richards and Library
 - Masks required for meetings more than 45pp
 - Paul is currently in Italy, but will be back a couple of days before the presentation for a trial run with Steve
 - Refreshments: 1 batch per person
 - Not recording event (by Paul's request)
3. Treasurer report.
 - Speakers were paid
 - Alison was paid
 - Alpha Graphics? Billy will check with Town Hall
 - Harvard Press? Billy will check with Town Hall
4. Discussion of potential Programs for upcoming 2023-24 season.
 - Michael Kilian will try to reach out to CEO of Commonwealth Fusion to see if he could do a lecture on the state of fusion. John Osborne did a nice article in the Harvard Press
 - Billy was thinking of Chuck Agosta, who is Chair of Physics Department at Clark
 - Goal is to have final five presenters by August, with sixth as a backup
 - One music event per season?
 - We took a straw poll of the candidates for lectures:

L Marc Fields: 3 votes

Michael Tougias: Landing of the Mayflower: 3 votes (I may have miscounted this)

Richard Smith: 0 votes

Barbara Berenson: 6 votes – Sheila will take responsibility

Native Plant Trust – bee garden: – Billy will look into it more

Caroline Uhler: Too technical. 0 votes

Steve Puleo: 6 votes – Sheila will reach out

Larry Tye: health related 5 votes – Sheila will reach out (Billy is concerned about the expertise of Larry on what is admittedly a controversial topic). Mike is willing to talk with him if he is interested in speaking with us.

Lynne McKenney Lydick: 0 votes

Ted Reinstein: (hold off another year)

Ty Gagne: 2 votes

Janet FLoyd Langhart: unavailable

Joyce Kulhawik: too soon after Natalie Jacobson

Roxana Trabulsi: 6 votes – Alison

Mary Mazzio: 6 can't reach but we should keep trying – Alison

(The following candidates were discussed after Marisa had to leave)

Tracy Kraus: Skip for the future

Steve Savage: Skip for the future

Randy Hodgkinson: Skip for the future

Suzanne Buell: 4 out of 5 votes. The suggestion was to change the description of the talk. – Steve

If we include a presenter for Commonwealth Fusion, we are at 7 possible speakers with coverage of music and health.

5. Other Business

- Michael emailed Alison a document this afternoon re: working with Billy to determine a policy regarding collaborating with other organizations.

Next presentation is February 24.

Next meeting at February 7 @ 6PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.