

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014  
Old Library

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

Not present: Pat Jennings,

The meeting was called to order at 6.03 p.m.

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

We went through the agenda.

We welcomed Lisa Foley, our newest member who succeeds Tim Borton.

### **Funding**

We reviewed our funding for the year:

- Our funds stand at \$18,419.11 as of 2/27/14
- Very little money is coming in so while the fund is adequate for a number of years based on how fast we are spending it eventually it will run out
- Lisa is going to ask Janet Vallente for copies of the trust documents so we can understand the terms of the Warner Free Lecture trust. For example, are there any restrictions on what kinds of programs we can offer? Can we acquire additional funding, e.g., grants, solicit contributions, etc.?

### **Planning for Next Events**

May 9 lecture program: a Thoreau impersonator (Richard Smith) from Concord who will be the guest lecturer.

- Check is printed
- Shiela will do the sign by April 26
- Brian will have press info for April 25 & May 2
- Email to WFL list goes out by April 29
- Fruitlands is co-sponsoring this event
- Most of us will help set up for event. Brian will invite Cal Armistead to introduce the speaker.

TAZ will need to send Fruitlands co-sponsor email for the May 18 event.

TAZ will send out an email on WFL facebook page. All of us will try to invite our friends to like our page.

### **TBDs for future programs:**

September 26 @7.30. We'll try to do it in Volunteers Hall. Mary confirmed date with Library.

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

Following the Ninth – A night in December...TBD...volunteers Hall

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 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.

Taz will send an email to Tim who suggested a program about Raptor Rehab...they bring these raptors in and you get hands-on learning about the species. Maybe we could find a program about animal rehab or relocation studies at the Quabbin.

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:  
September 10, 2014 @6pm