

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Trust
Harvard, MA
March 2, 2020

Members present: Lisa Foley, Shannon Molloy, Jennifer Combs, Pat Jennings, Jeff Boudreau, Sheila Simollardes

Members absent: none

Others present: none

Location: Hildreth House

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Minutes: minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were approved as amended.

Season's final lecture: "In Our Own Voice," March 27, 7:30pm. 75 minute multimedia presentation, 2 people talking about living with mental illness. Jen has prepared sign; Lisa will take ownership of that and other publicity for lecture.

Proposed speaker discussion: General balance: science or nature, medical, author, music, film, but no hard and fast requirements. Reviewed 15 speaker submissions and reached general consensus in support of Larry Spotted Crow Mann-author (targeting Jan date; Jeff lead), Larry Tye-author (Feb-Sheila lead), Crocodile River-music (March-Jen lead), Eric Jay Dolin-author (Sept-Lisa lead), and Edward Renahan-author (Oct-Jeff lead). Pat will ask Sheryl Faye (Susan B. Anthony) if she has any dates left in early 2021. Shannon will contact Barbara Berensen (MA suffrage) about her schedule as well. One of these would possibly be a 6th lecture. For April meeting, trustees will come with dates, fees, and book sale preferences in the case of authors. Pat will contact Harvard Historical Society after Sheila confirms fee and date for possible co-sponsorship of Tye lecture.

Discussed applying for grants from local bodies such as Cultural Council, but consensus was to stick with system of co-sponsorships with area partners.

Available library dates (as of last week): Sept 4, 18, 25; Oct 9, 16, 23, 30; Jan 15, 22, 29; Feb 12, 19, 26; Mar 12, 19, 26. WFL doesn't sponsor lectures in Nov or Dec, and normally not in April because it's a busy month for the library. However, the lecture could be held elsewhere, such as Upper Town Hall.

Upcoming schedule overview: board to meet 1 or 2 times in April, plus 1 meeting following elections in May. During this time, board will review draft job responsibilities and draft publicity process, plus policies and procedures, for possible approval.

Fine Arts Theatre: Lisa moved and Jeff seconded motion for Shannon to draft letter of thanks for LW program and send to Lisa to approve and sign.

Discussed upcoming openings and recruitment for caucus. Press might have further coverage of available board positions; Jen will write a letter to the editor of the Press as an individual. Discussed possibility of creating flyer for library, Town Hall, Carlsons etc with content, e.g. "Warner Free Lecture seeking 2 members, caucus March 27, join the fun!" Sheila will draft and send to Lisa, then circulate once posted. Lisa will also post the flyer electronically and blast email it to our list.

Discussed having a very full last lecture. Pat will talk to Mary Wilson and report any relevant library policies board should be aware of at next meeting.

Next meeting: April 2, 2020, 6pm at Hildreth House. Sec'y will get room reservation and circulate minutes.

Adjourned: 7:55pm

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