

**Warner Free Lecture Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday January 6, 2021**  
**Via Zoom Meeting pursuant to Governor Baker's orders**

**Trustees Present:** Jeff Boudreau (Publicity), Jennifer Combs (Secretary), Lisa Foley (Chair), Pat Jennings (Treasurer), Sheila Simollardes (Events) and Alison Thornton (Assistant Secretary),

**Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.**

**Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting:** Several amendments were suggested, including proper spelling of "Combs" and by Sheila relating to consistency in advertising, which will be edited by Alison. Sheila moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**January 15 Program: "We are the Story, We are the Land".** Jeff updated the Eventbrite participation so far as 215 people signed up. Arm in Arm is co-sponsoring the "WFL will now have access to Linda Dwight's (Superintendent of Schools) unlimited Zoom. The program will be in the Harvard Press this week. The Zoom link will go out two days before the program and people will be asked to log in early as it will take some time to admit all. Jeff has arranged with Pat for the speaker's payment, which will be sent to him following the program.

**February 26 Program: "Rising from the Rails: Pullman Porters and the Making of the Black Middle Class".** We discussed other potential co-sponsors to join the Harvard Historical Society. Arm in Arm has offered the use of Linda Dwight's Zoom again. Jeff will do another email blast to increase participation. The Press release will show the link to Eventbrite. Pat has not received info from speaker Larry Tye regarding payment, Sheila will follow up. Jeff asked about book sales from Silver Unicorn bookshop. Pat agreed to reach out to Arm in Arm about the February program.

Last WFL program for this season is on March 26.

**Other Business:**

Lisa mentioned that Jeff and Jennifer were up for re-election this year. There will be no caucus this year, so all candidates will need to take out nomination papers.

At our next meeting, we agreed to discuss fall programming. We will review ideas presented and discussed last year as well as new ideas with the goal of finalizing our next season as early as possible. We also discussed that fact that it is unclear what the in-person restrictions will be in September and October programs due to the pandemic. After some discussion, we agreed that both events will be virtual. Alison then asked for some general guidelines about the process for approaching potential speakers, including typical fees and when to reach out to the speaker.

**Next Meeting:** We agreed that our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM** following Sheila's motion and Pat seconding. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer M. Combs, Secretary.