

Warner Free Lecture Trustees Meeting
Wednesday April 14th, 2021
Via Zoom Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker's Order

Trustees present: Lisa Foley (Chair), Pat Jennings (Treasurer), Sheila Simollardes (Events), Jeff Boudreau (Publicity) and Alison Thornton (Secretary)

Absent: Jennifer Combs (departing Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting: Discussion of typo in minutes to be corrected. Pat moved to accept minutes as amended. Sheila seconded the motion. Minutes passed, as amended, by roll call vote, unanimously.

Upcoming Election and Filling of vacancies.

Discussion of upcoming election and possible candidates. There is a possibility of not filling vacancies. It would leave us as a four-person board. We would need 3 out of 4 board members to be present to have quorum at meetings. Meeting scheduling with need to be flexible for new year discussed without finalization. If anyone is interested in join as a Trustee after the election, Select Board could appoint someone to serve out the remaining term. We will keep looking and advertising about things the Warner does to generate interest and encourage volunteers to fill roles.

Transition of Duties:

Jennifer has transferred duties as Secretary to Alison. Lisa has done publicity before and will resume that role following Jeff's departure. Pat will continue as Treasurer. Sheila will continue as Events Coordinator – specifically if we return to in-person events coordinating with Mary Wilson at library about Volunteers Hall use.

Upcoming Season:

Sheila has "quasi" booked dates for shows. All Fridays except the first Friday of the month are available at Volunteers Hall. We confirmed that Sept and October events would be virtual.

Dates:

- September 24, 2021- Eric Jay Dolin "Hurricanes" (Alison) **Virtual** - \$500
- October 22 or 29 2021 - David Vermette "A Distinct Alien Race" (Jeff) **Virtual** - \$300 (would be \$350 if in person)
- January 14, 2022 - Ty Gagne "Where You'll Find Me" (Sheila) **In-person** - \$400
- February 18, 2022 - Sheryl Faye "Sally Ride" (Pat) **In-person** - \$300
- March 12, 19, or 26, 2022 - Jim Infantino "Alternation Economies in Speculative Fiction" (Jeff) **in-person-** \$350

Jeff will follow up with David Vermette and Jim Infantino to confirm dates and will communicate with Sheila once dates are finalized. Sheila would like to have dates to be able to communicate with Mary Wilson at the library so they can schedule their own events as needed. She will also let the library know that we are virtual for the fall.

We have the option to use Cronin Auditorium for events free of charge. This would be a better venue and enable better social distancing. Lisa pointed out that our Trust document which allows such use is from 1891, and it is possible that the school is not aware that we can use it. Sheila will reach out to Bromfield's Principal, Scott Hoffman, to determine if the public will be allowed in the schools in the fall and the possibility of our use of the Cronin Auditorium.

Other Business

Lisa talked about difficulty getting on the Zoom account provided by Arm in Arm during our last event. We agreed that Lisa will increase her paid Zoom subscription as needed, to enable up to 500 participants, for the remaining virtual events to allow her more control over the presentations. Eventbrite is not tied to Zoom so we do not need to limit the number of tickets for Eventbrite. Going forward for September and October, we will not rely on the Arm in Arm account.

Sheila asked if Arm in Arm might like to co-sponsor Tye Gagne presentation. Lisa will follow up.

Arm in Arm has suggested 2 additional events, David M. Kelivas Ph.D. (reflection on history of racism and civil rights in the US) and beheard.world (art group) for future consideration in 2022-2023 season. We will consider

Pat left meeting at 6:53.

Alison asked about text on town website about WFT of Harvard Chair and presentations for children. Lisa and Jeff talked about how that is an old text that should have been changed. Lisa will follow up with town to get that corrected and make versions consistent.

Town election is May 18th.

Jeff and Jennifer's terms end at the end of May, according to Lisa, sources at the town hall make incumbent's end dates arbitrary and flexible. Each Trustee's term technically ends when replacements are voted in and leaving trustees depart. There is some inaccuracy on what is published on town site versus boards and committee's sites. Jeff technically could come to the meeting on the 24th to report on his two presenters for next season and provide hand over of information on them.

Sheila moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Next meeting Monday May 24th at 6:00

Respectfully Submitted by Alison Thornton (Secretary)