

**Warner Free Lecture Trustees Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**In Person at Harvard Town Hall**

**Trustees present:** Lisa Foley (Chair), Pat Jennings (Treasurer), Sheila Simollardes (Events), Steve Piesch (Publicity), Billy Salter, Alison Thornton (secretary)

**Meeting called to order at 6:06pm**

Review of Minutes of Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Sheila moved to accept the minutes as amended. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Recap of last presentation:**

Eric Jay Dolin presented on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> with 40 registered viewers on Zoom. Over all it went well, discussed how it might have been nice if there was a mention of how hurricanes are impacting our local region.

Joe Theriault, the Harvard Historical Society presenter, presented the first part of our jointly sponsored two part series on French Canadians on Oct. 8, 2021. Joe has offered to pay for the joint advertising for the WFL & HHS series in the Harvard Press. Lisa has accepted the offer on behalf of WFL.

**Upcoming presentations:**

David Vermette, "A Distinct Alien Race," will be our next presenter on Oct. 22, 2021. It's unlikely an article will be published in the Press due to timing and staff availability. Eventbrite is open for the event, and the email blast to our mailing list has gone out.

January 14, 2022 will be by Ty Gagne who will speak about his book "Where You'll Find Me: Risk, Decisions, and the Last Climb of Kate Matrosova". Sheila is going to connect with Mary Wilson at the Library to determine if event will be on Zoom or in person due to COVID restrictions. We are assuming that the next 2 events will be virtual.

Sheila reports that the Silver Unicorn will be carrying books by our presenters for this season.

**Discuss ideas for next season:**

Various ideas were discussed and shared by trustees, including Indigenous Peoples story, Kayak maker, primitive survival skills, (Steve) trauma (both physical and mental) (Alison) set building in filmmaking (Billy), CIA espionage (Pat), Merlin series author (Sheila).

Preliminary info needed for potential speakers is as follows: Name of presenter and topic, cost, availability/interest. We will pick 5 for next season. Typically, we try to present a variety of authors, films, visual artists, documentaries, live theater and music.

**Other Business:**

Pat announced that she will be leaving WFL when her term expires next year. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well. Billy has offered to be her successor as Treasurer and the Trustees approved of such appointment. Pat and Billy will work together for a smooth transition of the role.

The WFL sign has been damaged. Steve and Lisa are going to figure out details for replacing notices on sign with laminated descriptions of events.

Billy left the meeting at 7:12pm.

Our next event with David Vermette is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00. Lisa will email Zoom link to Board for next event.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Steve moved to adjourn meeting. Pat seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by Alison Thornton (Secretary)