

Warner Free Lecture Trustees Meeting
Tuesday February 8, 2022
Via Zoom Meeting pursuant to Governor Baker's orders

Trustees Present: Lisa Foley (Chair), Pat Jennings (retiring Treasurer), Sheila Simollardes (Events), Steve Peisch (Publicity), Billy Salter (Treasurer), Alison Thornton (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Pat moved to accept the minutes as written. Sheila seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Upcoming Events:

Summary of prior event. The Ty Gagne event had roughly 65 attendees and was considered a success.

February Event:

Sheryl Faye will be at our next event as Sally Ride. She is providing a 35-minute video presentation of her performance and will be available for a Q&A following the event. There was a discussion of trying to attract younger viewers for future events. One suggestion was to add a notation to our initial calendar suggesting which subjects would interest a younger group.

Lisa will enter the Zoom at 6:30 to make sure there are no kinks in zooming the video, Trustees are welcome to join if they choose.

Discussion of ideas for next Season:

Reviewed list of old and new suggestions for presenters. There was discussion that repeating presenters should have several years between return appearances and that fresh faces should be given priority.

The following possibilities will be researched and approached by selected trustees:

David Pihl (music)– Steve

Janet Floyd Langhart (author “Love in Black & White: Race/Religion/Romance” and other works – Sheila

Caroline Uhler (AI and genomes)– Billy

Natalie Jacobson (New book being published)– Sheila

Liz Walker – Sheila

Paul Richards (behind the scenes on a movie set)– Billy

Kiliii Yuyan (indigenous people and photography)- Alison

March 24th Event:

Lisa has been in touch with Jim Infantino to discuss an interesting talk about the writing of utopian fiction such as Dune and the Handmaid's Tale. Lisa and Jim have been streamlining the talk and more information will be available at our next meeting.

Other Business:

Lisa is finishing out this season before stepping down. She has been bringing Alison and Steve up to speed in their new roles as Chair and Publicity. Lisa will be available for consult as needed. She is putting all relevant documents on Google drive. (Minutes, Trust documents, volunteer role descriptions...)

Sheila will post paper advertisements for filling trustee vacancies.

Lisa will post vacancy notices on Facebook, Nextdoor Harvard and the Harvard town website.

Lisa's departure leaves a one-year term open. Pat's retirement leaves a three-year term open.

Sheila talked to Mary Wilson. Volunteers Hall continues to be available all but the first Friday of the month. She also spoke to Scott Hoffman, outgoing Bromfield principal, who says OK to use Cronin if needed.

May meeting will fall after election to welcome newest Trustees.

By May we should have dates for new presenters. Steve will create an ad.

Sept – advertisement for new season goes to the Press

Next meeting Tuesday March 8th at 6:00pm.

Sheila moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Thornton (Secretary)

