

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2017
Town Hall

Present: Pat Jennings, Lisa Foley, Tom Aciukewicz, Sheila Simollardes

Not present: Tim Clark, Shannon Malloy

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

We reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting. Pat moved to approve the minutes as amended, vote to approve was unanimous.

Old Business

We reviewed the previous lecture on Opera, which was a great success. Turnout was about 105 people.

New Business

Taz volunteered and will soon set up an individualized website serviced via the town. He'll work with Lisa to organize it after he gets details from Julie Doucet. Lisa will forward Taz an email from Julie. Sheila will proofread content on the site.

We need to finalize the accounting details for the Warner Free Lecture so we now the amount we are working with for the 2017-2018 season. We'll do this at our next meeting with all members present.

Future lectures for 2016-2017 season

The opera lecture wrapped up the 2016-2017 season.

Ideas for future programs

We agreed to solidify the idea that next year's theme will be "Discovery." The board was enthusiastic about the idea as it could be part of the promotional materials for the upcoming season. We'll come up with five or six lectures from these potential lectures. Lisa will check with Mary Wilson for library space dates and will send them out to us:

1. Tiny House – Taz contacted a tiny house expert – Tracey Powell of Simplytiny.com - to see if she could put a program together about what living in a tiny house is like, what experiences she encountered throughout the year. Taz will send a link to our group for the Emerson Umbrella 2nd Annual Tiny House conference.
2. Sheila saw a reenactment called "The Wave" about a tidal wave that was created in Norway after a Fjord earthquake. Sheila is still fact-finding.

3. Pat is discussing an Indian Hill Music program around an English author, Anne Airs, who wrote a book about Women composers. We'd like to target March 23, 2018 and will try to confirm. It looks quite promising. Cost will be \$200.
4. Tim is in touch with Fernando Catalina who suggested we reach out to the author of "Waking Up White," Debbie Irving, who lives locally.
5. Tim suggested we do a three person Women in Science roundtable panel to discuss what they do. We could target the science department at Bromfield.
6. Tim emailed us a third option about a project to save Falling Water, a landmark Frank Lloyd Wright architectural gem located in western Pennsylvania. Notoriously under engineered, this iconic building was restored and stabilized by the structural engineering firm Robert Silman Associates. Retired Principle and founder Robert Silman has offered to come a speak about this remarkable building and what it took to save it. His presentation includes many slides from the project.

We will finalize our ideas for next season's lectures after we get the final dates and we'll sort it out at one last meeting for this season.

We adjourned the meeting at 6.59 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday May 15 at 6:00PM at Town Hall.