

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2017
Town Hall

Present: Pat Jennings, Lisa Foley, Tom Aciukewicz, Sheila Simollardes, Tim Clark, Shannon Malloy

Not present: n/a

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

We reviewed the minutes of the April 2017 meeting. Tim moved to approve the minutes as amended, vote to approve was unanimous.

Old Business

Taz did not yet set up an individualized website serviced via the town. He'll work with Lisa to organize it after he gets details from Julie Doucet. Tim recommended the site link to the Harvard Press site (<http://www.harvardpress.com/Happenings/Warner-Free-Lecture-Series>) that tracks Warner Free lectures. We'll make sure to have a single Our goal is to have the website fully working and reviewed sometime in August.

New Business

We still need to finalize the accounting details for the Warner Free Lecture so we know the amount we are working with for the 2017-2018 season.

The board unanimously decided to create a statement to send to the Town's Charter Commission stating that we'd like status quo and to continue staggered terms for committees.

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 provided available library space dates. We're working on finalizing topics and dates:

1. Tiny House –Tracey Powell of Simplytiny.com – will put a program together about living in a tiny house and what common experiences she encountered. Talk is scheduled for September 22, 2017.
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'll do this on March 23, 2018 and will try to confirm. It looks quite promising. Cost will be \$200.

4. Tim is trying to work with Debbie Irving, the author of "Waking Up White," to develop a workshop around content in the book. Still TBD. This could possibly be a joint presentation with either Inclusion Committee at Bromfield or with the town group, Arm in Arm.
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. This is still coming together.
6. Tim is finalizing a lecture about a restoration 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 speak about this remarkable building and what it took to save it. His presentation includes many slides from the project. Possible date is October 2017.
7. For back-up, in case no other lectures pan out, Taz will contact Harvard Cider founders to see if they are interested in discussing the founding of their business.

We adjourned the meeting at 7.03 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday September 11 at 6:00PM at Town Hall.