

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2011
Old Library

Present: Tom Aciukewicz, Pat Jennings, Sheila Simollardes
Not present: Mary Maxwell; Jane Andrew; Julie Moberly

WFL Chairman Tom called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed by the board. Pat moved to approve the minutes as read, and Tom & Sheila seconded, passing the motion.

We went through the agenda.

Old Business

Year-in-review findings:

We can keep programs costs low by partnering with other organizations. It also draws in other constituencies. We should try to do this as much as possible moving forward. Potential future partner Nashua River Watershed Association, Harvard Historical Society, Garden Club, Fruitlands, Harvard Women's Club, etc.

We can do Story SLAMs as an annual event.

We should continue to try to keep the programs diverse and focused on a variety of topics so if we miss one constituency with one lecture, a following lecture can draw in other constituencies.

Tom will take on the task of keeping our meetings regularly scheduled using town sites such as Hildreth House and the Old Library. We will try to keep to the first Wednesday of the month.

Open housekeeping Issues:

We have a much larger balance in our account now due to accounting adjustments that came from a decision in town hall of which we didn't play a part. While we don't want to spend this all at once or over one year, Pat, Tom, and Sheila think it is a good idea to contribute money to co-sponsor special events that are putting Harvard on the map. WFL would get a by-line in the event. Two larger celebrations we discussed were:

Fruitlands Centennial Celebration events in June 2014 – Sheila's on the event committee, so she'll let s know about opportunities.

Harvard Historical society events such as the pipes of the organ.

Sign update:

Tom has a sign draft-ordered and is working with Fred to pay for it using our funds.

We believe all bills are paid.

Current Work Assignments:

Pat: The Work of 1000 is all set up for September 30. We are partnering with Harvard Conservation Trust and the Garden Club Harvard. We have to pay NWRA \$200 of the \$600 fee. Library is booked and Tom has to arrange payment for NWRA after Pat gets Tax ID # from NWRA. TBD: refreshment details and advertisements.

Sheila: Will go to Lancaster to try to get the Peter Christoff show on Kilimanjaro. So far, no response from phone calls.

Sue Jackson/Harvard Art lecture on the Art of Guilding and Frame Restoration – Sheila looking at this.

We'll try to schedule one or both of these in February or March.

Tom: Chef Paul for cider and Chris Buscelli on doughnuts? Apple recipe. A Friday or a Saturday (November 4th or 5th)? Time is 7? 7.30? We'll have to figure out a cost? Harvard Historical Society is sponsoring a Road Show on Nov 4, so November 5th might be the date to consider. Tom to discuss with Chef Paul.

Tom to contact MHVesenska about a date for next Story Slam.

Adjourned the meeting at 7pm.

Next Meetings:

August 3 & September 7th – 6pm at the Hildreth House. Tom will schedule this ASAP with Julie Doucette in town hall.

2011- 2012 Series D-R-A-F-T

September 2011

The Work of 1,000 (Pat)

November 2011

Holiday Entertaining with Chris & Paul (Tom)

January 2012
Story Slam at Friendly Crossways

Late winter/early spring 2012
Art Restoration with Sue Jackson (Sheila)

Late winter/early spring 2012
Killimanjaro Slideshow