

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting  
Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
Old Library

Present: Tom Aciukewicz, Mary Maxwell, Sheila Simollardes, Pat Jennings, Brian Schimpf

Tim Clark attended the meeting to help us brainstorm other ideas.

WFL Chairman Tom called the meeting to order at 6.10 p.m.

The minutes from the March 2012 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**

Jane Andrews resignation: Jane Resigned in February

Town Caucus and new members:

Tom & Brian are up for re-election, Tim Borton is interested in joining the board.

Pat nominated Tom, Brian, and Tim Borton.

### **New Business**

2012/2013 Programs:

**Magic Lantern talk.** The cost is \$2000. The board unanimously agreed to commit to this program. Suggested date will be October 26 and we hope to hold in Volunteers Hall. Pat will contact the program director with the dimensions of the room. She will also inquire if the pianist for musical accompaniment is included the cost.

We need to verify that this date works. We have a commitment from Friends of the Arts of the Library for \$666 (third of the cost of the program).

We will continue to look for other partners in order to lower the overall cost for each partner. Pat confirmed Harvard Historical Society cannot help us with the cost; however, Sheila is trying to contact The New England Camera Club and Pat is following other leads to look for funding.

**StorySLAM** could be for January 2013 & we need more people to come in. We'll follow up at next planning meeting.

**Chef Paul/Valentine's Day treat creation:** Sweets for your sweetheart. Taz will follow-up with him.

**Mary Holland and Naturally Curious** – Cost is \$300. We'll look into scheduling this after our next meeting. We will try to schedule around March 2013. We'll try to work this with conservation commission.

Tim encouraged us to think of Harvard's communities of interest: yoga; raising chickens; solar garden; runners; Harvard Roadrace;

Pat will explore having her daughter Lynn discuss her Olympic experience.

Tom will contact Peter Ginouves to see if we could develop a rowing program.

Mike Taylor in Still River is a license surveyor and boat designer. He consults for international companies helping to develop fast boats. Tim Clark volunteered to contact him to see if he could do a presentation.

Co-sponsoring a radio play with this theme. Harvard Friends of the Arts put these on. Bob Eiland directs these plays. Sheila will contact him and explore this angle.

Tim knows of a film about the building of a boat on Martha's Vineyard.

We discussed possibly funding a historical research project. Tim suggested looking into the Willard or Hazard family stories.

We'd like to try to develop a lecture that would draw in more youth next year.

Bob Hubert's photography project might lead to a lecture. 2014??

Brian mentioned an idea about organizing a historical role-playing event with "famous people" from Harvard. Brian is looking at a few histories to perhaps gauge if there's potential here. We'd want to do this later in Spring to separate it from StorySLAM. Nothing here yet.

Mary will look into what dates we will be able to use in Volunteers Hall in Spring 2013.

Adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.

Next Meetings:

June 6 – Mary will post agenda

Sketch of Next Lectures:

October 2012 – Magic Lantern

January 2013 – StorySLAM

February 2013 – Chef Paul & Sweets for Sweethearts

March 2013 – Mary Holland