

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2013
Old Library

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

Not present: Tim Borton

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

The minutes from the April 2013 meeting were reviewed by the board. Pat moved to approve the minutes as read, and Mary & Sheila seconded, passing the motion.

We went through the agenda.

Last Friday's lecture **Hiking program:** It was great! People can come from other towns!! 49 people came. We got quite a few people to do an email signup.

Costs from fund: \$25 on gift card, \$14 on drinks and decorations, \$5 on cups; Petty cash now stands at \$110.

We bought \$25 gift cards to the General Store and presented it to Mary Wilson at the Library, who was touched by our thoughtfulness!

Brian will ask for a fiscal update from the town accounting manager on the Warner Free Lecture fund.

Revolving Chairmanship: Brian will now take over as acting chairman. Taz will continue to do the minutes

Next Year's Program Schedule:

September 27 – The Story Behind the Story – An Author's Tale - Cal Armistead will do a lecture about describing what it's like to write and publish a book in this day and age. Her book is "Being Henry David." Brian will talk to Chris Freschette, from the Friends of the Arts of the Public Library. She has agreed to talk for \$150.

October 18 – Discovering Rock Piles in our Woods - Peter Waxman will discuss native rock structures that he discovers on wandering in our local woods. Peter is from Concord and has been exploring eastern Mass for 20 years, including Harvard. He keeps the Rock Piles blog at ockpiles.blogspot.com. Taz will look into partnering the fee with the Conservation Commission. He has agreed to a fee of \$100.

January 31 – Gardner Museum Heist – 20 years later – Speaker, a Boston Globe Journalist will come back to the Warner Free Lecture and give an update about what the investigation into the Gardner Museum Heist has uncovered over the last 20 years. Taz will contact Tim to look into who will partner with this program. Fee unknown.

March 21 – title?? - Jim Sampas, a filmmaker, will discuss facts that he's learned about Jack Kerouac, his uncle. Sheila will see if she can locate a partner to contribute to our cause. He has agreed to a fee of \$200.

May 2 – title?? - Helen Batchelder will bring musicians into the Center on the Common and do a musical program. Pat will look into partnering with Harvard Pro Musica with this program. Fee is probably zero.

Mary will print a bookmark listing of scheduled 2013-4 WFL events, which will be available in the Library.

TBDs for future programs:

Brian will contact Greater Worcester Opera (Elain Crane is the artistic director) about doing a show for late Spring 2015. We can look into partnering with Center on the Common or Harvard Pro Musica.

Tim also suggested a program about Raptor Rehab...they bring these raptors in and you get hands-on learning about the species. Maybe we could find a program about animal rehab or relocation studies at the Quabbin.

Maybe we could do something for the Fruitlands Centennial celebration?

A Story SLAM could be a potential program. Harvard Stories??

Shiela suggested new programs for 2013/4 & will investigate both shows: Mike Ambrosino –former program director at WGBH or Russ Morash – former directors at PBS – one of them could talk about running famous PBS shows. Russ Morash has published books, so there's an angle there too.

Taz will contact the owners at Dean's Beans to see if they do coffee tasting programs.

Mary will stay in touch with Joe Therault who is working on a lecture about Acadians from a French Canadian perspective.

Brian wants to do a drama based on historical Harvard personalities. Radio Players might help us with this.

We adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.

Next Meetings:
September 9, 2013
January 6, 2014