

Minutes of Warner Free Lecture Trust
May 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Via Zoom Meeting

Members present: Lisa Foley, Shannon Molloy, Jennifer Combs, Sheila Simollardes, Pat Jennings

Members absent: Jeff Boudreau

Others present: Alison Thurston (running for a seat)

Location: virtual via Zoom Meeting ID:817 1237 8610

Meeting called to order: 6:18 pm

Preamble: Lisa read a memo provided by the town on Governor Baker's coronavirus related Executive Order regarding tele-and videoconferencing and Open Meeting Law, and explained ground rules of participation to the board members. This meeting was recorded.

Minutes: minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting were modified for consistency in labeling the board member who is shepherding the speaker for each event. Shannon will make the update to the minutes. Also, the October program of Edward Renahan (Jeff) is not in the minutes. Otherwise, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes by roll call vote.

Upcoming Season:

The Harvard Public Library will not be open in September or October and may not be available for the January and February programs either.

Sept. 11 - (Lisa) Confirmed the NAMI program that was to run last March. A slide-based program with a live Q and A, can be a virtual program

October 9 - (Jeff) Edward Renahan, author, Pete Seeger, fee \$350. Confirmation is needed that this program can be virtual.

Jan 15 - (Jeff) Larry Spotted Crow (Tales of the Whispering Basket, Nipmuc), fee \$500. Confirmation is needed that the program can be virtual.

Feb 26 - (Sheila). Larry Tye, author (Pullman Porters) can be virtual. Pat has secured \$150 from the Harvard Historical Society to co-sponsor this event.

March 26 - (Jen) Crocodile River Music, confirmed, can be virtual, same fee \$650, live Q and A. Lisa will speak to Jeff about details of his programs.

Lisa recommended that the Board consider purchasing a Zoom license for \$15/mo. which would allow 100 participants. The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) program does not have an account, and it might be difficult to count on using the town's account, as we do for meetings. Lisa will research costs and present at the next meeting.

Motion to accept purchasing a Zoom license by Pat, seconded by Sheila, passed unanimously.

Publicity

Discussed placing ad in Harvard Press in Sept prior to our first event

For virtual events, we will email the link for the programs and post on Facebook, Nextdoor

Ask speakers not to advertise on their own websites, program is for Harvard residents

Trust Organization for Upcoming Season

Jen offered to be Secretary, as Shannon is leaving the Trust

Sheila offered to be Venue Manager, Event Coordinator

Pat offered to continue as Treasurer

Lisa's plans have changed, she is willing to be considered a write-in candidate, to continue as chair.

Next meeting: June 17, 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:21

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer M. Combs