

Minutes of the Warner Free Lecture Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016
Hildreth House

Present: Pat Jennings, Tom Aciukewicz, Lisa Foley, Mary Maxwell, Tim Clark

Not present: Sheila Simollardes

The meeting was called to order at 6.30 p.m.

The minutes from the November 2015 meeting were reviewed by the board. Tim moved to approve the minutes as amended, vote to approve was unanimous.

Old Business

Tim sent a request to Tim Bragan and Julie Doucette to draft a future warrant article amending the composition of the WFL trustees to allow the composition to become "six registered voters" and lose the described gender specificity. The outcome should be that town counsel will draft the final wording.

Tim is continuing to investigate the transferring the Thomas Ford District Nurse fund to the WFL trust fund.

The WFL website still needs Lisa's correct phone number (6956) listed. Many of the minutes for 2015 are still missing. Taz will contact Julie Doucette about updating these things:

- Change the current phone number to Lisa's number (6956)
- Redo the links to the WFL minutes, which aren't currently correct just now.
- Get rid of the current language on the webpage...replace it the description from the latest Annual report.

Lisa continues to work with the town to find a court document, and any other documents, that dissolve the Thomas Ford District Nurse fund so a transfer to the WFL principal account can occur.

New Business

We went through the agenda.

1. Trust fund accounting details:

Lisa obtained transactional reports of current fiscal year for both the principal account (Trust account) and expendable account (what we spend for lectures). The review discovered that someone unnamed determined the trust had too much money, a diversion from the charter language. Evidently no one in the Town knows what process the charter language states should be

followed. Lisa suggested that successful, long-term repair to the two accounts could be that the board (named the fiduciary responsibility in the charter) should direct exactly how the funds get redistributed back to an appropriate balance in each account. This could occur after we get the documentation to transfer the funds from the Thomas Ford District Nurse fund into to WFL fund.

The board will draft the final directions for how the money should be split between the two accounts. This will happen at a future board meeting.

2. Trust document discussion

It will be important for the WFL trustees to bi-annually review the funds to ensure we are all aware of the current funding for upcoming lectures. This should be included in an orientation for new WFL trustee members.

Tim made a motion to send the town finance department a letter reminding the Town that back in 1891, transferred fiduciary responsibility for transactions related to the WFL Trustees. Pat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Joint advertising for Jan 22 event (Russel Potter and the Northwest Passage):

- Lisa will do ad and press release
- Taz will send email blast
- Historical Society has agreed to promote the event. Pat will see if we can grab historical artifacts from the period and have it at the event.
- Payment has been procured.

Future ideas for 2016-17 season:

We're looking for a healthcare/medical-based lecture.

For the October 2016 lecture –Young Adult authors – Pat has a few lined up and she's working with them to brainstorm a theme...TBD

Pat will reach out to Chris Frechette to see if the Friends of the Library is interested in co-sponsoring one of these future lectures.

We adjourned the meeting at 7.25 pm.

Next Meeting: February 29, 2016 @6pm at the Hildreth House