

Lyceum Committee
Minutes 1.6.19

Present: Mary Weissblum, Christy Park, Rosie Sagall, Susan Oleksiw, Cindi Williams

Absent: Saira Austin, Barbara Braver

1. Minutes were approved.

2. Wrap-ups

The Middle Street Walk was a very successful event, lively and interactive.

3. Programs Ready to Go

The two programs focused on slavery are scheduled for this month, and the posters on this topic are now in their case ready for return to the state museum. The movie is scheduled for January 10 and the talk by Stephanie Buck for January 12, 2-4.

4. Programs Percolating

Women at Sea--Mary is still working on this.

Travelogues--Possibilities are Jo Ann Castano on China, Jill on Iona, and Saira on Israel. Eric Jay Dolan--His fee is \$500, which is much higher than what the Lyceum usually pays, but the Committee learned that we did have enough in an account to cover this. He is scheduled for April 6, 2 to 4.

Gloucester Reads Poetry--Lyceum members should be thinking about who we could ask to read a favorite poem; we have time to prepare for this, scheduled for the spring.

Susan Erony--We'd love to have a talk by Susan, perhaps the one she gave at Trident Gallery.

Dr. Harvey Zarren--The doctor is a cardiologist who has integrated hypnosis, diet and other approaches into his treatment protocols.

Dr. Isaacs--The doctor wants to do a series of talks, but people must RSVP through his office; this seems outside our practice. The committee decided not to invite him to present.

Zentangle--Cindi invited the presenters to do a Saturday program, but they said no, they wanted Sunday. The library isn't open on Sunday, so we won't present a Zentangle workshop.

5. New Business

Chris Leahy is willing to do a talk: "Survey of 40 Plus Islands between Nahant and the Salvages," part of a conservation project on important bird areas.

The Forum is winding down. Dan Connell has suggested that the Lyceum might want to take this on if he or someone else comes up with a speaker that is too good not to invite.

6. Other Business

Cindi presented a book entitled Nautical Newburyport, which includes material on the birth of the Coast Guard. The talk could be part of maritime heritage, Gloucester, etc.

Michael Deneen is interested in doing an astronomy program in the spring. He's donating a telescope to the library.

PR for all programs goes to The Beacon, Gloucester Daily Times, and Good Morning Gloucester.

Elizabeth H. Winthrop is scheduled to talk about her fourth book, *The Mercy Chair*, on February 21, 2019. She teaches at Endicott College.