

Lyceum Committee
July 1, 2019
Minutes

Present: Susan Oleksiw, Christy Park, Cindi Williams
Absent: Rosella Sagall, Barbara Braver, Mary Weissblum
Guests: Judith Hoaglander, Valerie Nelson

Judith talked about the Gloucester Cultural Initiative is a 501(c)(3), which helps support artists and collaboratives. A main program is advising and encouraging small nonprofits to maintain their records as archives, and how to go about doing that as well as deciding what is worth saving. The program will include lectures, workshops, experts on how-to, and funding. Gloucester Stage, for example, has extensive records, and the question is what to do with them. Also being considered is what part the Collaborative will play in the Gloucester 400. (Celebrating Gloucester's 400th anniversary.) Judith said that they are at the beginning of the process.

Cindi mentioned that Jackie Linsky, the library archivist, should be the liaison between the Lyceum and Gloucester 400 and archival programs.

Valerie talked about the role of artists in the community in relation to major issues. She is proposing a six-part lecture series on relevant subjects in the community, and how to help people work together. They are seeking co-sponsors and well as funding.

This is coincidental with the Gloucester 400. The Gloucester 400 Committee is asking for a representative from the Lyceum to be on the Literature committee.

The genealogy programs were very successful. Cindi provided a handout of feedback comments.

Miranda Aisling, Manship Artist in Residence will speak on July 25 about Tiny Houses.

Dr. James Scrimgeour will speak on July 30 about Voices of Dogtown.

The travel programs will be revisited at a later date

The Lyceum will issue an invitation to wildlife photographer Kim Smith to make a presentation of her work.

Sylvia Milone-Martin will speak on Saturday, September 7, on her book From Cancer to Trancer.

Susan suggested asking Valerie to talk about Finns in Gloucester as a joint program with Saira. Saira will call her.

The Committee will discuss Hammond Castle in August.

The Committee discussed a music program on porches.

Ramani Rangan will talk about his book.

A proposal will be put on the agenda to meet with Jackie Linsky about working with Judith Hoaglander.

There was a proposal to ask Ramani Rangan to talk about his new book, an autobiography. The Committee hasn't seen the books