

Lyceum Meeting  
Jan. 11, 2010 1:30-2:45 p.m.  
Clement Room 118

Present: Emily Gaskill, Chair; Anne Reeves, Vice Chair; Stuart Lenig, Anne Scott, Kathy Breeden, Jayne Halter, Jeff Hardin, and Shelley Manns. Guest: Cecilia Johnson

Agenda –

- 1) Budget
- 2) Contracts
- 3) Updated calendar
- 4) Discussion of possible Lyceum events to book for Spring 2010
- 5) Report from Student Services (Cecilia Johnson)
- 6) Looking ahead to 2010-2011 academic year

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Stuart Lenig will get back to the committee regarding our budget status. This will determine what events can be booked this spring.
2. Anne Scott reported on event contracts. Four contracts are awaiting administrative approval before sending to the performers: Jessica French and the Opera Revue (Cherry Theater 1/26/10), Paul Christopher, classical cellist (Cherry Theater 2/02/10), Noteworthy Duo (classical flute and guitar – Ledbetter 3/17/10), and the Tennessee Fiddle Orchestra (Cherry Theater 4/05)
3. Updated Lyceum calendar: (Emily will send out after new dates are confirmed)
  - Shelley Manns will finalize African American Read In for February. Laura Carroll and her dance troupe will also participate. (Update following the meeting: this event is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Feb. 22, 2010 from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. in Ledbetter Auditorium pending availability of Ledbetter).
  - Shelley Manns will lead a panel (Shelley Manns, De'Marcus Jackson, Candace Warner and Latasha Stenson) for a book chat discussion on Toni Morrison: The Bluest Eye, originally in February. (Update following the meeting: this event has been moved to March 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in Ledbetter Auditorium pending availability of Ledbetter).
  - Stuart Lenig is trying to book Cedric LeQuere, African American historian (“Buffalo Soldier”). A tentative date of 3/16/10 has been suggested. Stuart will follow up.
4. Discussion of possible Lyceum Events for Spring 2010
  - Initial effort has been made to try to book Ron Galloway’s band “The Hustlers” pending adequate funds. Emily Gaskill has talked with band member in charge of booking. Emily Gaskill to follow up.
  - Stuart is in contact with Bob Rink, International Photographer, for a presentation with funds from other departments. Stuart will try to book this event pending adequate funds.
  - Jeff Hardin and Laura Carroll will continue to try to get a program together featuring Jeff’s poems.

- Jeff Hardin suggested a poetry reading with local poets. (April is National Poetry Month.). Jeff also suggested trying to book Bill Brown, a professional writer. Jeff to investigate and will contact these authors and will report back to Lyceum.
  - A Perceptions Coffeehouse, similar to last year, was discussed. (The Coffeehouse would require minimum funding. Emily to chat with Cambridge Inn caterers regarding prices). Anne Reeves suggested combining the coffeehouse with the opening of the student art show in Jones Student Center. Stuart Lenig will collaborate with Herby Cobb regarding possible dates for the art show and will get back with Lyceum regarding dates.
  - Anne Reeves suggested re-visiting the idea of a “Songwriters’ Night”. Anne to investigate and will report back to Lyceum.
5. Cecilia Johnson reported on the idea of devising a student “activity card” in order to increase student participation in campus events (Lyceum and other campus activities/events). The Lyceum Committee will support Student Services in this pilot project. It was also mentioned that the Lyceum Committee needs to encourage more faculty and staff to attend more campus events (although it was noted that there are problems with faculty/staff attendance due to commutes, family obligations, and work obligations).
6. Looking ahead to the 2010-2011 academic year: A discussion of things to consider:
- Ideas for Lyceum events: Cecelia Johnson suggested “themes” for programs and spreading out Lyceum events throughout the year. Anne Reeves , Kathy Breeden, and Jeff Hardin suggested that we have more creative writers next year. Anne Reeves suggested that we continue to try to include more songwriters’ programs.
  - Emily mentioned that we need to start thinking about a new Lyceum Chair for next year. Everyone agreed that the Lyceum Chair needs to start working on Lyceum events beginning in the summer before fall semester begins. Considering issues that have slowed the booking of events this year (booking agents, grant approval, negotiating dates and funding for events), it is a good idea to start early.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Reminder: Several people are working on booking events for this spring. Please contact Emily Gaskill as soon as possible dates are considered for events. Emily will contact Kathy Gum or Sandy Thurston regarding venue availability.

\*\*\*\*There are several upcoming events that require Lyceum Committee member assistance. Immediate events include the following. Please contact Emily Gaskill to volunteer:

1. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6:00 p.m. – Cherry Theater: Jessica French and the Opera Revue: need help with ushering. Emily Gaskill will preside over the event and will usher.

2. Tuesday., Feb. 2, 7:00 p.m. – Cherry Theater: Paul Christopher, classical cellist: need ushers for the evening performance. (Emily Gaskill and Marilyn Adams will be accompanying Paul on the piano, so we cannot usher!) Also, if you could help with a small reception in the Green Room afterwards, it would be greatly appreciated.

3. Thursday, Feb. 11, 2:00 p.m. – Ledbetter: Dr. B.I. Naddy will lecture on Dr. Percy Julian, scientist. Glenn Hudson will preside over the event. It would be helpful to have another volunteer to assist Glenn.

4. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. – Ledbetter: Mr. William Radcliffe, African American Civil War reenactor: Need a couple of volunteers to help with this event.

Lyceum Minutes Submitted by Emily Gaskill January 18, 2010.