

Columbia State Community College

Lyceum Committee Meeting

Minutes

10/1/2010

Attending:

Emily Gaskill, Chair	Penelope Kellman
Bo Bollinger	Christa Martin
Michael Darrell	Ana Basoa-McMillan
Tom Hallquist	Anne Scott
Cecelia Johnson	

1. Summary of Recent Events

Lecture and performance by Leslie Satcher was successful and well attended. Both the student lecture and performance sparked audience enthusiasm. Mrs. Satcher answered many thought-provoking questions by student and community audience members.

A lecture by Paul Manyok (of the Lost Boys of Sudan), Ledbetter Auditorium on 09/20/10, was well attended a very interested and attentive audience. Mr. Manyok is scheduled for an April 18, 2011 lecture at the Williamson Co. Public Library. Plans for additional lectures by Mr. Manyok were discussed. Tom Hallquist and Anne Scott will continue to investigate possible dates and venues.

Jam Session events were reported to be popular and attracted many visitors and local musicians. Scheduled sessions will be once a month in the Jones Student Center with Tom Winters presiding.

The STEM lecture by Mandy Carter-Lowe was very informative and well attended. The event was videoed and copies will be archived in the Columbia State Library. Another lecture is planned for the Fall Lyceum calendar (on 11/10/10 by Dr. B.I. Naddy entitled "Consumer Chemistry". Many thanks to Dr. Glenn Hudson for coordinating and presiding over the STEM lecture series.

2. Public Relations Issues

Emily Gaskill plans to work with PR to create flyers and posters for Will Stutt's performance .

Sandy Thurston of Evening Services, has agreed to help the committee with promotional efforts and will share information on strategic places to post announcements of Lyceum events. This collaboration will benefit those interested in the Performance Series as well as Lyceum events.

The committee will consult with Paul Hickey to advertise events in the Spring Hill/Franklin newspapers including the Nashville Scene for bigger events. As Columbia State gains continued recognition, efforts to branch out and build connections to Williamson County will be a major focus.

Emily Gaskill will continue to work with CSCC's PR Department regarding the Lyceum webpage. Updates to the Lyceum webpage are forthcoming.

The Williamson County Library continues to promote Columbia State sponsored Lyceum events held at the library. Emily Gaskill reported that director Janice Keck supports our efforts to provide events for the community through the Library's newsletters and messages to library patrons.

Additional efforts to improve publicity for Lyceum events have been helpful. Thanks to these Columbia State employees for supporting and promoting recent Lyceum events through their mailing and distribution lists: Tim Dempsey, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Lucy Scott Kuykendall, director of Columbia State's Pryor Art Gallery, and Bethany Lay, Executive for Advancement, and director of the Columbia State Foundation. The Lyceum Committee plans to continue to work with these important individuals to improve and increase Lyceum publicity efforts throughout the community.

Michael Sztapka has been contacted again regarding electronic signage in Jones Student Center to help promote Lyceum events. Mr. Sztapka stated that currently the electronic signage is not working.

"Tent" cards listing a calendar of Lyceum events will be purchased for advertising and placed in strategic places on campus, as well as distribution of flyers to local businesses. Anne Scott has volunteered to help with this project.

SGA and students of the Minority Student Advising Team will be asked to help post Lyceum flyers in conspicuous locations on campus in the committee's attempts to accomplish widespread attention to its cultural efforts.

Flyers and announcements of all Lyceum events and performances will be distributed to members of the Maury County Arts Guild. Bo Bollinger has volunteered to help with this effort.

3. Upcoming Events

a. Will Stutts will be performing Clarence Darrow of the Scopes Monkey Trial on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Eleven high schools have been invited to the event with 187 students (from two schools) already committed to attend. The following people have already agreed to help with the event: Penny Kellman, Cecilia Johnson, Christa Martin, and Ana Basoa-McMillan. Additionally, SGA students will be asked to help with the event.

It was proposed to the committee to look into the possibility of a Columbia State Summer Stock Program, which would include theater/acting classes with Mr. Stutts. Further discussion is needed to coordinate and plan future collaboration. Several members of Lyceum are scheduled to meet with Mr. Stutts following his theatrical presentation on Nov. 1, 2010.

b. November 15, 2010, Monday night 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., jazz and classical music will be performed by two Belmont University Student String Quartets at the Williamson County Library in Franklin. The quartets are directed by Elizabeth Small. Emily Gaskill will preside over the event. She needs volunteers to help usher and to help with a reception following the concert.

c. Ana Basoa-McMillan reported on Culture Fest (scheduled for February 16, 2011): Culturefest will include four (4) performances between the Clement Auditorium and Cherry Theater. The performances will introduce African, Spanish tango and Polynesian drums and dance. Lois Stone will be contacted to notify home-schooled students of Culture Fest as well as other Lyceum events.

d. On April 7, 2011, guitarist Chris Dorsey will lecture and perform tango music during the day at the main campus. It was requested that this event be added to the Lyceum calendar. Ana Basoa-McMillan suggested that the above-mentioned tango dancers might be added to enhance the tango "atmosphere" of this concert.

e. Emily Gaskill reported on the Fisk Jubilee Singers concert, scheduled for February 12, 2011, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Cherry Theater. Columbia State students will be admitted free; tickets for other attendees will be \$10.00 - \$15.00. E.

Gaskill has negotiated with the group's agent - Fisk will be providing transportation for the group. Columbia State will no longer be obligated to provide this transportation, as originally planned.

f. On April 6, 2011, the Perceptions Coffee House Event will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Jones Student Center. Plans to decorate for this event will be forthcoming with Lyceum committee members to participate. During January, the Perceptions committee will meet to review entries for the publication.

g. The Maury County Choral Festival, scheduled for April 19, 2011, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., will now take place at Columbia Central High School. There was a recent conflict in having this event in the Cherry Theater. E. Gaskill met with several music teachers this past week and received word that the date would need to remain the same as originally scheduled. Susan Manning, choral director of Columbia Central High School, graciously volunteered her school as the host school for the event. Columbia State Lyceum Committee is still sponsoring the event and will provide a reception for the participating choirs and choral directors as well as certificates of appreciation. This choral festival has traditionally been very successful and well attended. Area K-12 music teachers will be working with Emily Gaskill to plan this very important community event. The Columbia State College Chorus plans to sing with Columbia Central High School, as well as help with choir adjudication for participating schools.

4. Other Business

January 27, 2011, Lyceum events will be announced prior to one of Columbia State's performance series by Monteia Moore, Director of Evening and Community Services.

a. Other ideas for possible Lyceum events include the following. Further information, including possible costs to Lyceum, will be investigated:

- a lecture series with speaker Dr. Ronald Bombardi, Professor, MTSU to discuss "The Two Cultures: Science and the Arts." This event could possibly take place during the current Fall or Spring semester.

- a lecture by Dr. Jonathan Lampley, English professor at Dalton State on topics such as horror films and Tennessee Civil War history.

- The Ebony Embers live music theatre with solo actor and musical trio. This group's production, *Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance*, is of interest to the Lyceum Committee members.

b. Christa Martin announced information about a Culture Grant that is available for application. Ms. Martin also stated that all application submissions are due to President Smith's office prior to the Christmas holiday. Committee members discussed possible positive gain from grant monies and the impact on the arts culture of the college and its extended campuses.

The meeting was cordially adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penelope Kellman, Division Secretary
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Revised by Emily Gaskill, Chair
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