

**Sweetser Lecture Series**  
**2019-2020 Meeting of the Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5 Bryant Street**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Joe Spear, Lorraine Lackey, Julie Scott, Jeanne Blumer, Diane Lind, Bob Burk .  
Sara Murphy and Susan Kilkelly

**Meeting called to order:** 7:00 p.m. Sara Murphy led the meeting

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes were accepted with no changes. It was noted that Susan Kilkelly does not remember what additional information about the Patrons was requested and no one else at the meeting recalled it either.

**Treasurer's Report:** Having given all our proceeds to charity in June, we have \$60.25 in our account, plus 387 Forever Stamps. At 55 ¢ apiece, that is an asset worth \$212.85.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Archives:** We are still working on a list of materials which should be kept and where they should be kept. Lorraine has begun a discussion with the Beebe Library about possibly storing some materials with them.

**SLS Banner and Posters:** They are stored at Susan Kilkelly's house.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Duty Roster:**

Most of the duties will remain the same as last year. Joe Spear is going to take over posting the lectures on the Community Calendar run by Beebe Library. We hope Julie will help with Facebook and the Website.

The meeting dates had been sent out by email and were repeated in the Agenda

**Possible Speakers:**

Several Speakers on the list presented by Sara were eliminated immediately due to cost or unavailability: These were Abdi Nor Iftin, Susan Ware and Mitchell Zuckoff. We have not had any response from Matt Noyes to Sara's inquiry.

Of the remaining speakers, Sanjiv Chopra is the most popular. His fee is \$1500 and his

subject is “Health, Happiness and Living with Purpose” Several people felt strongly that speakers about the Pilgrms (400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Women’s Suffrage (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary) would be a very good idea. Barbara Berenson (\$250 fee) would speak on suffrage. Sara Georgini (\$1000 fee) speaks on Religion and the Quincy Adamases but could expand to include Pilgrims and Suffrage.

Other Speakers still in active consideration are: Jay Atkinson (\$500) Massacre on the Merrimack, ; Brian Beneduce (\$800) Anxiety Warrior: A Scared Man’s Path to Success and Happiness; Stephen Puleo (\$500) Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine & The Remarkable Story of America’s First Humanitarian Mission; and Dan Szczesny (\$300) The White Mountain: A Year in the Life of Mount Washington. Speakers not completely eliminated are: Kathryn Guare (\$ ) suspense novel write; Jane Healey (\$500) author of The Saturday Evening Girls Club and Beantown Girls; and Alison Simcox & Doug Heath (\$0) Murder in New Hampshire. We decided against author Sally Koslow (\$150 plus travel from NYC).

All members were encouraged to watch the speakers on Youtube. For Barbara Berenson, Sara asked that we watch her recent talk in Chelmsford.

New Speaker ideas: Authors Elin Hildrebrand, and Anita Diamant, sportscaster Mike Lynch, a life coach that Julie will have to get the name of, and Robert Pushkar, local photographer and writer.

Wakefield 101 - The next date is Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. If we have our lectures set for the Spring it might be a good idea. No decision was made yet.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting is September 25, 2019

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