

5CLIR Council Meeting

May 12, 2005

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2.30 pm by Jono Hanke, President.
- II. Present: Jono Hanke, Dotty Gorra, June Guild, John Gaustad, Naomi Yanis, Peg Bedell, Sheila Klem, David Moriarty, Suzanne Lehman, Jean Curran, Charlie Klem, Hy Edelstein, Joice Gare, Dottie Rosenthal, Eleanor Shattuck, Jim Scott, Mary Franks, Gillian Morbey.
- III. The minutes of the April 14, 2005 meeting were accepted as distributed.
- IV. Welcome and Announcements: Naomi reported that to date, 60 people have signed up for the luncheon on May 24, to honor Karen Tatro.
- V. Committee Reports:

Finance: June Guild reported membership application forms had been changed to reflect increased membership dues. The Capital fund has been depleted by the purchase of the new copier. Details of this matter will be deferred to next month.

Curriculum: Jim Scott reported the Fall catalog is ready for printing. He announced a workshop on seminar presentations will be conducted by Sara Wright in September, final date TBA. A new, large, well equipped, space for seminars located on N. Maple St. in Hadley, will be available in the fall. A memo entitled "Curriculum Committee Membership Selection" was distributed. This had been approved by the Curriculum Committee on May 5, 2005 and Council approval was requested. Council members discussed the proposal at length. Naomi, Hy and several other members voiced objection to selection of two Curriculum Committee members by the existing committee. David spoke in favor of continuing the present lottery. It appeared there were clear objections to the proposal and Jono moved to table it. This was seconded by Peg and the motion to table the proposal was approved 7 to 6. Eleanor announced Sheila Klem had agreed to co-chair the committee and this was unanimously approved. Jim announced committee members would assist Karen by assembling packets prior to the annual meeting.

Membership: Jean Curran announced her committee had nominated Helen Seyfert to be the new chair. This was approved by council. Membership stands at 247 full time and 22 associate members. At its last meeting on April 21, 2005, the committee had recommended its focus should be on provided information and support to new members.

Meetings: Joice Gare reported to date, 106 reservations had been made for the Spring Bash luncheon on May 20, 2005. Final plans had been made with the Elks Lodge. The Membership Committee and Curriculum Committee would assist with decorating the meeting room and handing out membership packets, respectively.

Volunteers: Dorothy Gorra announced she is hoping to organize a group of 10to13 people to assist the new office manager by answering phones performing other routine office tasks. She requested names of potential volunteers. She reported the process of selecting a new office manager has completed. Five Colleges Inc. is responsible for making the job offer to the selected candidate.

Summer/Winter programs: Mary Franks announced the catalog of summer programs is complete. Gail Gaustad and Sally Lawton will be the new co-chairs.

Newsletter: Sheila Klem announced production of the newsletter will be assumed by the office manager. Dottie Rosenthal proposed a motion of thanks to Sheila and Eleanor for their work in improving and producing the newsletter. This was seconded and the Council agreed on a motion to express their appreciation to Sheila and Eleanor for their excellent work over the past four years. This was approved by acclamation.

Computer: Hy Edelstein reported a workshop on Power Point presentations has been scheduled for June 27, 28, 29 at Smith College. Charlie Klem will conduct it. Hy proposed a motion to form a Technology committee to perform the functions of the present computer and AV committees, also to maintain the website and database and provide support for the office computer system. John seconded the motion. In the ensuing discussion it was agreed the budgets of the individual committees would be combined and noted that the chair of the AV committee was in agreement. The motion was passed. Hy distributed updated LIR statistics which will be included in the Annual report.

Charlie Klem reported he has investigated the purchase of a document projector. He stated there is no single piece of equipment currently on the market that will capture and project an image. He invited interested council members to meet and examine a potentially appropriate overhead camera with him.

Great Decisions: John reported average attendance at meetings was 94, an increase over last year. A profit of \$428.00 was realized.

VI: Old Business:

EIN conference: Jono noted the Council had previously reserved funds to pay registration fees for the President and Vice President and any member making a presentation at the Regional meeting in September 2005. He proposed the following resolution: If funds are still available after the stated preferences are met, the President may allocate any remaining funds to assist in payment of registration fees for other LIR members to attend. The motion was passed.

VII: New Business:

Dottie Rosenthal reported the Task Force on New Steps had discussed many ideas arising out of the Portland conference and February 9, 2005 meeting with Kali Lightfoot. The committee proposed a retreat be held on June 1, 2005 at the Field House for further discussion. Council members, task force members and candidates for office would be invited. Forms to signify attendance were distributed to Council members. Dottie stressed that recommendations for any organizational changes resulting from this retreat would have to be approved by Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.30pm.

Next meeting: June 9. 2005 at 2.30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gillian Morbey, secretary pro-tem.