

5CLIR Council Meeting

June 9, 2005

Minutes

Next meeting: to be scheduled

Present: Jono Hanke, Dotty Gorra, Elizabeth Armstrong, Charles Klem, Naomi Yanis, Peg Bedell, Hy Edelstein, John Gaustad, Suzanne Lehmann, Sheila Klem, Gillian Morbey, David Moriarty, Dottie Rosenthal, Jim Scott, Jean Curran, Joice Gare, Eleanor Shattuck, Mary Franks, Chuck Gillies. Guests: Joyce Mazur, Arnold Friedmann.

The minutes of the May 12, 2005 meeting were accepted as circulated.

The President read a letter from Karen Tatro dated 6/9/05 which expressed her appreciation for the many tributes she received at the Annual Meeting and from the seventy guests who attended the lunch in her honor. A letter from her husband Larry expressed his thanks for being included at the lunch.

Jono thanked the several retiring members of Council and committee chairmen whose terms are finished. He appreciates their work and support. Council in turn thanked Jono for gracefully steering us through an eventful and productive year.

Dotty Gorra reported on the successful search for office manager. Callie Kendall will start work on June 20th.

Naomi Yanis noted with satisfaction the success of the lunch for Karen which her committee had been responsible for.

Committee Reports:

Finance: speaking on behalf of treasurer June Guild, Charlie Klem reported that with 90% of the fiscal year now over, the projected budget for the year has been very accurately fulfilled. Income from membership dues is within a few dollars of projection. Expenses from various committees will run about 5% under budget. Overall there appears to be an excess of revenues over expenses.

Curriculum: Jim Scott said that with the last meeting for the year held the previous week, several committee members have completed their terms: Florence Barondes, Janet Brongers, Anne Manitsas, Ellie Quint, Nicole Dunn, Arnold Friedmann, Maureen Moore and Eleanor Shattuck.

The August 4th meeting will be run by new co-chairs Eleanor Shattuck and Sheila Klem. The curriculum calendar for the '05-'06 year has been established. Highlights are:

September 26 – Fall seminars begin

October 27 – moderators' reception for Fall seminars

November 20 – “Meet the Moderators” reception to introduce the Spring '06 seminars.

Registration for the Fall seminars is strong: 133 people have paid full membership to date. Of the 26 seminars and workshops offered, all have at least some registrants; five will be lotteried.

Membership: Jean Curran said “good-bye”, commenting on her meteoric rise in just ten years from “Kitchen to Council” (helping with pot-luck meals to the chairmanship of the Membership committee).

Meetings: Joice Gare reported that 120 people had attended the lunch meeting at the Elks Club, with forty joining later for the program. There was agreement that a better way of distributing packets and a shorter length of time allowed for eating would improve the format; otherwise everyone was pleased with the new venue. She proposes a “cook-out” at the Elks Club for the September meeting which will cost \$10 per person, with an additional subsidy from LIR. The date of Friday September 16 was agreed on

Summer-Winter programs: Mary Franks reported good registration for the programs. The Amherst College campus tour has 29 people planning to attend.

Newsletter – Sheila and Eleanor may arrange to work with Callie to put out the first newsletter of the year – probably during August.

Sub-Committees:

The technology committee (a/v, computer, and website) will meet tomorrow. The power point workshop has almost full enrollment. Members of the committee have investigated the acquisition of a much needed document projector. Charlie Klem described a model, with a price tag of about \$1700, which has many features making it very desirable and user-friendly. There was a consensus among Council members that the committee should make the purchase (along with some ancillary equipment), there being sufficient funds now available. It was emphasized that the technology committee as a whole has not yet made an endorsement of these proposed purchases.

Old Business:

Jono reported that the Osher Foundation has turned down our request for funding, apparently due to our situation of being sponsored by five institutions instead of just one.

Chuck Gillies described some proposed additional uses of funds from the Slavery and Its Legacy project which include professional transcription of the symposium talks into print. He hopes these will also appear on the website.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to:

“transfer to the Slavery and Its Legacy fund any and all excess of operating revenues over expenses as of June 30, 2005; the distribution of such balance is to be accomplished by 6/30/06 consistent with its original funding.”

Annual Reporter: Chuck appealed for contributions of pictures for the short color brochure he is publishing. He especially needs pictures of seminars in action.

Nominating Committee:

Sheila Klem reported on the results of the recent election. 157 ballots were cast. Newly elected Council members are Nina Scott, Joan Hastings and Ruth Hooke. The proposed slate of officers was also elected.

New Business:

Charles Klem presented two motions for financial housekeeping purposes.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to:

“restore the balance of the capital fund to \$2000.”

And a motion was made and passed unanimously to:

“authorize the finance committee to adjust the balances of other special funds (not including the 'Slavery' fund) not to exceed \$1000; the finance committee to report such actions to Council at a subsequent meeting.”

Next Steps Task Force:

Jono summarized the process which culminated in a one-day workshop on June 1st. He expressed his great appreciation to Dottie Rosenthal for chairing the ad hoc group. His main points in summary are:

1) LIR should enlarge the scope of the publicity committee which should then take on the role of a public relations committee. New members will be needed.

2) LIR should give a new charge to the special events committee. The specific recommendation of the task force was endorsed:

“to enhance the membership and mandate of the Special Events Committee to initiate and implement a variety of programs to supplement the core seminars and workshops, such as: lectures and lecture series, film series, book talks, roundtable discussions, interest groups, etc.”

3) LIR should establish a Learning Through Community ad hoc committee with Joan Hastings to serve as chairman.

It is understood that these enlarged programs of learning opportunities will be open to Associate Members.

Dottie Rosenthal gave the secretary a copy of the final report of the Next Steps Task Group for the files.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth S. Armstrong, secretary.