

5CLIR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

MINUTES

Next Meeting: October 11, 2007

Present: Mary Franks, Arnold Friedman, Mary Beth Bridegam, Gail Gaustad, Charlie Klem, Sheila Klem, Philippe Meyer, Joan Hastings, Wil Hastings, Bobbie Reitt, Pete Reitt, Leo Sartori, Eleanor Shattuck, Bill Williams, Sara Wright, Kathy Hazen

President Mary Franks called the meeting to order at 2:30, and asked those present to introduce themselves as Bill Williams is a new member.

The minutes of the August 9, 2007 meeting were accepted as corrected by Bobbie Reitt . (The “Meet the Moderators” will be re-named and run by an ad-hoc committee consisting of representatives of all committees with a vested interest in the event, chaired by the Vice President.)

President Mary Franks reported that the Founders Reception scheduled for early September was postponed because Karen Tatro, former office manager, couldn't be present, and the founders didn't want to hold the reception without her.

The Northampton Council on Aging plans to hold an opening reception for its new building on Sunday September 30, and LIR will be represented by Sara Wright and Kathy Hazen. A congratulatory card will be presented from 5CLIR to the NCOA.

Vice-President Leo Sartori reported that he has been attending the meetings of many committees, and has initiated the formation of the new committee to oversee the (formerly called “Meet the Moderators”) event. This committee will convene in early October and Leo reminds the committee chairs to participate.

Treasurer Charlie Klem presented the annual financial results for fiscal 2007. He noted that we have a strong balance sheet and that the actual results were ahead of the 2007 budget. Our objective to have an unencumbered reserve balance has again been met. One page containing a minor presentation error has been corrected and will be submitted for the record to the office manager. Charlie also commented that the 2008 budget had been approved earlier by the Council. “All expenses are in line with what was budgeted.” The October newsletter will include a summary of these reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum Committee: Co-chairs Bobbie Reitt & Sara Wright presented an extensive report including the current status of the fall seminars, the status of the Spring 2008 seminar list, the planning of the Moderators' Reception at the Smith Field House on October 18, from 1:30 to 3:30, and the follow-up on Council actions on proposals from the curriculum committee last month, which includes two new pages of policy added to the Moderators' Manual, and the new name for the "Meet the Moderators" event, which is: **5CLIR Preview: Coming Attractions**. Bobbie wants to emphasize the committee's need for help in recruiting seminar proposals from potential moderators.

Summer/Winter Programs: Gail Gaustad, chair, reported two new members added to her committee. President Mary Franks remarked that Gail's potluck picnic on August 23 was greatly appreciated by the members, and thanked Gail on our behalf.

Membership and Meetings Committee: co-chairs Sheila Klem and Kathy Hazen reported that the New Members reception is to take place on Sunday, September 23, at the Lathrop Community Meetinghouse on Bridge Road, Northampton, and Sara Wright will emcee the meeting. Council and chairs are requested to participate. The **5CLIR Preview: Coming Attractions** is scheduled to take place on November 18 in the Smith Campus Center, catered by the Smith Café with a cash bar and light refreshments (we are not allowed to bring in any food.) The President has asked the committee to plan a holiday party, probably in the Willets-Hallowell center of Mount Holyoke College. The committee plans to meet in early October when the President returns from California.

Technical Committee: Pete Reitt reported that the digital camera workshop will take place on September 14.

Special Programs: Chair Mary Beth Bridegam announced that Gail Gaustad will co-chair this committee. New programs include Leo Sartori's bridge group, and a new Spanish conversation group with Marianne Jakus, to take place weekly at the Jones Library. Leo Sartori also announced that he & the Stubbs have started an Italian language practice group that includes a non-LIR member so it can't be counted, probably, as an LIR program.

Endowment: Treasurer Charlie Klem reported on the status of the endowment.

Long Range Planning: Chair Joan Hastings reported that two forums are scheduled to discuss long-range planning, including October 26 at the Smith Field House, and November 2 at UMass. These meetings will be announced in the newsletter. The goal is to create budget scenarios in order to finance more programs and more of the office manager's time. Everybody will be invited, especially non-council people. Moderators will be asked to announce these forums in their seminars, and the need for long term planning should be explained to all members.

Office Manager's report was given by Mary Franks as Callie is away for her mother's 90th birthday celebration. Callie has found several new places for seminars (for example, at Hampshire College and in Smith's Mendenhall Theater), and all the fall seminars have a place now. The new membership directories will come out next week –and seminars start the week after that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: in the future, would all chairpeople please e-mail their reports in to Callie at least several days ahead of time (especially if they are complicated) so they can be circulated to the others, and/or bring a written outline for the recording secretary. Pete Reitt prefers to report orally.

OLD BUSINESS:

Enhancing Relationships for the Wisdom Years, the next **Aging Creatively Conference:** Chair Joan Hastings announced that her committee would welcome new members.

Finance Committee: Treasurer Charlie Klem announced that the committee will meet two weeks from today.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration: Honore David will be invited to attend the next Council Meeting to report on the progress of planning this party, scheduled for Friday night, October 3, 2008, at UMass.

President's Closing Remarks: As there was no new business, President Mary Franks announced that she will be out of town for the next three weeks, and Vice President Leo Sartori will take the helm in her absence. Call Leo!

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hazen, Sec'y pro tem