

**FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Council was held at the Five College Center at 2:15 pm.

**Present Council:** Marybeth Bridegam, Laura Cranshaw, Peter Ferber, Dorothy Gilbert, Jim Harvey, Chris Hurn, Carol Jolly, Sandy Muspratt, Ellen Peck, Eva Sartori, Joan Wofford, Gordon Wyse

**Absent Council:** Betsy Loughran, Jim Scott,

**Committee Chairs Present:** Jim Perot, Callie Orszak

**Minutes:** The minutes of June 14, 2012 were approved.

Jim Harvey announced that the Council will be sending a \$100 gift to the Grace Hospice in Kansas in honor of Callie's mother who recently passed away.

**Committee Reports:** The **Curriculum Committee** asked approval for new members: June Guild, Larry Gutlerner, Sheila Klem, and Richard Szlosek. These members were approved.

The Tech committee asked for and received approval of Anne McIntosh as a new member.

The Summer/Winter committee reported a very successful art trip to Maine.

**Treasurer:** Sandy reported that we are now on track with paid registrations. For the proposed **Future Fund**, he made a motion that we amend our June vote to allow him leeway in setting up the starting amount—between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The Council had voted originally to set it up as \$30,000. The motion to be flexible within this range was passed. (The fund was voted on in June. We had originally thought we needed two consecutive votes to establish it, but Larry Amb's in conferring with 5C Inc. corrected us that only one vote was necessary.)

This "Future Fund" will build up as a reserve. We are using one half of our normal reserves to begin it; hopefully we will not need to draw on it for a number of years so it will build up enough to give us a decent income flow which can be used for various projects. All of our money is held by 5C Inc. anyway, so setting up this fund is like moving money from one pocket to another.

Fund-raising for it will begin this fall. Joan, Betsy, and Sandy will form a sub-committee to design a brochure which can be distributed at the Fall Preview and subsequent events. The President will also write a newsletter piece to describe it for the membership. The brochure will also be on our web site. This will be a fairly simple way to solicit donations and memorials.

A second motion was made and passed to allow the treasurer to collapse two older funds into the new Future Fund. We have a Memorial Fund of about \$500 which has only been used for the memorial event in Jan. We also have a small endowment fund of about \$3100 which has been on the books for years but never used for anything. When these two funds are

added to the Future Fund, we will then have only three accounts: 1) the regular checking account for current expenses and some extra for emergencies, 2) the scholarship account, and 3) the new future fund.

**Preview:** Joan announced that since Valentine Hall at Amherst is not available on the day we have scheduled the Preview, we are going to try having it at Willets-Hallowell Center at Mount Holyoke College. The Preview will be on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2 to 4:30. Since this is a new place for most of our membership, we will need to publicize where the handicapped parking is and how to go in the lower entrance. Car pools from Amherst and Northampton will also be a possibility.

The first President's letter in the Newsletter will be about moderators of seminars.

**October 26** is the deadline for seminar proposals. We need to publicize this on the first day of seminars this fall.

The calendar which was prepared by the Curriculum Committee in the spring, needs revision since some of the spring dates are wrong. The new calendar will appear in the newsletter and on the web site.

Laura suggested that a good venue for ads about our Preview might be local theater programs. She saw a version of this in CT. Dorothy volunteered to help with the Publicity Committee.

**Conference:** Jim has received a letter announcing a conference on April 19 and 20, 2013 on Life-Long Learning. The group, called U.Mass-Dartmouth Conference, is soliciting proposals for workshops. Chuck Gillis is thinking of offering one on running a symposium, based on his recent experience with the Civil War Symposium. Jim was not yet sure of the cost for attending or whether presenters would be given special rates. We guessed that the cost might be around \$300 per person for registration and one night at a hotel. The sentiment of the Council was that we should help with the expenses of people who go, especially as presenters. We can learn from others' experiences. Jim offered to talk to Sheila Klem, Leo Sartori, Larry Ambs, and any others who have gone to such conferences in the past to see if they felt the conferences were worthwhile. Callie thought this was also related to EIN—the Elder Hostel group. We will need to find out more particulars before deciding whether it is worth our while to send more people.

**Liaison with 5C.Inc.:** Since 5C. Inc. has been nervous about dealing with the Council because our officers change every year, Larry Ambs has agreed to be a liaison with them on our behalf. He already knows many of the people there and can assure them of continuity. He will come to Council meetings when he has something to report.

**New Business:** Jim explained that at the moment there are not any huge issues pending, but we will have to keep discussing on-going issues of space, growth, and money. In May 2013 Smith will eject us from our current office since the building will be torn down. They have promised us new office space but have not yet decided where that will be.

Callie announced that on Sept. 19 the East Asian Studies program, with whom we share space, is sponsoring a talk by Gen. MacArthur's translator. Perhaps we can help them and publicize LIR by publicizing this event to our members.

**Schedules:**

**The Annual Picnic** will be at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 11, again at the home of the Gaustads (20 Ward Ave. Northampton.)

Next Council Meeting: **Thursday, September 13 from 2:15 to 4:00.**

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Peck, Secretary