

**FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

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

Present Council: Laura Cranshaw, Peter Ferber, Dorothy Gilbert, Jim Harvey, Carol Jolly, Joan Laird, Sandy Muspratt, Ellen Peck, Eva Sartori, Jim Scott, Joan Wofford

Absent Council: Marybeth Bridegam, Chris Hurn, Betsy Loughran, Gordon Wyse

Committee Chairs Present: Jim Perot, Ruth Kosiorek, Larry Ambs, Callie Orszak

Minutes: The minutes of Dec. 13 were approved as presented.

Vice President's Report: Carol reminded us that 2013 is our 25th anniversary year. We would like to do something in the fall to celebrate. Our 20th included a gala dinner. Do we want to do this again? Carol will ask for suggestions from the Council in March. Sandy agreed to research the expenses last time. We don't want an expensive event since that leaves out some of our members.

Curriculum Committee: Carol informed us that the committee now has 10 proposals for the fall in hand and more coming in. **April 2** is the deadline for new proposals. **The Preview** will be on **Sunday, April 28**. On **March 22** there will be a **moderators' meeting** to encourage new moderators. The date has been changed, even though it conflicts with an encore presentation, because the committee wanted to give new moderators who come to the meeting enough time to draft their proposals before the deadline.

Great Decisions: Five speakers have been lined up. The committee is now setting up the programs which run from April 5 to May 3 on Friday mornings.

Tech Committee: Jim Periot announced that in the spring the committee will get together a workshop on cell phones and tablets.

Member Support: Eva described the **New Members Tea** which was held this morning. There was a good turn-out and good discussion—20 new members and 10 old. Word of mouth is still our best form of recruitment.

There has been a problem recruiting enough people to host **brunches**, so instead they are trying to use four different restaurants in Northampton, Hadley, and Amherst. The deadline for sign-ups is March 9. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 23**. This will be a good event in which to meet new people.

Winter/Summer: Ruth summarized all the winter events which were varied and well-attended.

- A tour of the **Yiddish Book Center** had 19 attending with 6 no-shows. There was a \$5 non-refundable fee for this event.

- **Iconography tour of Smith Museum** had 36 sign-ups and 11 no-shows. People paid \$4 at the door.. Don divided the group into two parts and did the program twice.
- **Fiddler on the Roof** had 31 sign up--2 called to cancel and 3 were no shows.
- **Ladysmith Black Mombassa** concert sold 38 tickets—3 called to cancel and 2 did not show up. This concert included a talk before hand about the history of the group. Most people attended both parts.
- **Legislators' Forum**, which was moderated by Carol, had a full house. It took place the day after Rosenberg was named majority leader.
- **Teen Forum** was written up in the *Gazette*. Seventeen signed up, 5 called to cancel and so 12 attended.
- **Local History Tour** in Springfield had 19 people show up and pay at the door. Many people stayed for lunch afterwards.

The problem of no-shows still needs some group attention—possibly by more reminders.

Programs for the summer are now being considered. At its meeting the committee heard about the art tour to PA and the Gettysburg tour later in the summer. Theater, concert, and art activities are still being organized.

New Business:

Larry Ambs reported on the proposed **Gettysburg tour**. Since this is being organized by an independent committee, the Council had to approve it.

The tour will use a local Strong bus and then link up with the Road's Scholars tour of 4 days and 3 nights. They now have 25 checks in hand. They can take as many as 30. Those going will have to register separately with Road's Scholar. Winter/Summer committee approved this trip. It will take place August 25 to 28, Sunday through Wednesday. The large committee had to give a deposit of \$500 but this did not come from LIR funds. 5 C Inc. has no problem with our sponsoring such a trip.

Jim moved that we endorse it; Carol seconded; all voted to approve it.

Callie's retirement in June. Jim announced that Callie has decided to retire in June for personal reasons and has handed in her resignation. We will be very sorry to see her go. This development has created two needs:

1) The establishment of a **task force** to find out and document in detail all that Callie has been doing for LIR. There is a booklet for volunteers who help her, but we need to find out how things are done in the office and where material and records are kept. Since the office will be moving to a new space as well, finding things and knowing procedures will be particularly important. The Council approved a task force of Joan Wofford, Carol Jolly, Laura Cranshaw, and Sara Wright. Jim agreed to collect questions from the Council that the task force should ask Callie. This needs to be a collective effort at remembering and anticipating.

2) A new person needs to be selected. The applications for hiring go out from 5C Inc. and follow their procedures. Two of our members—Carol Jolly and Joan Wofford—will be on the committee to sift the applications. Since Callie is technically a 5 C Inc. employee, they will set the salary and post the job

notice among the five college community. When the candidate pool is narrowed down, there will be interviews by 5 C employees and several members of our Council. We did approve a job description earlier in the year so at least that is done. Jim will impress on the 5 C board that we need to have someone in place in June so that our programs can proceed as usual.

There has been some talk about hiring another part-time person, but this would involve financial considerations which could raise our dues.

We will also need to think about how we can say goodbye to Callie and honor her time with us. Carol will be taking suggestions for what might be appropriate to see her off.

Next Council Meeting: March 14

Ellen Peck, Secretary