

**FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 9, 2013**

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

**Present Council:** Marybeth Bridegam, Laura Cranshaw, Dorothy Gilbert, Carol Jolly, Betsy Loughran, Sandy Muspratt, Ellen Peck, Jim Perot, Joan Wofford, Gordon Wyse

**Absent Council:** Peter Ferber, Jim Harvey, Chris Hurn, Joan Laird, Jim Scott

**Guests:** Michael Greenebaum, Callie Orszak

**Minutes:** The Minutes from April 11 were accepted as corrected.

**Vice President's Remarks:** Carol introduced Michael Greenebaum, our next vice president, who will be attending the next Council meetings since he has never been on Council before.

**Treasurer:** Sandy presented us with a preliminary budget for next year (see sheet). Things look rosy for next year because of the change in costs for a new office manager. Betsy pointed out that this budget cannot be approved until the fall when we have all the actual dues and new members registered.

Discussion of various financial matters:

- Picnic expenses are mainly renting a tent. This is paid for by surplus from the Winter/Summer committee. Would it be cheaper to buy a tent? But then the rental company puts it up and takes it down.
- Committees need to be warned to stay within their budget amounts. Expenses are creeping up for committee extras.
- Our major expense, outside of salaries, comes from the Preview and the registration packet which must be printed and then mailed. This year there were 75 mailed at \$2 apiece. Carol wondered if we could print only the summary sheets and put the bulk of the catalogue on line. We now have over 20 members who do not have email. Callie suggested that we could offer a discount in dues to those who use email, or charge a printing fee for those who wanted everything printed. These are matters which will be decided in the future.
- We do have the reserves to fund new ideas, but we need to keep regular expenses under control.

**Committees:**

**Great Decisions:** Jim Perot reminded us that GD needs a new portable microphone. The one they had is missing. This could come out of the budget line NEC for small capital expenses.

This year GD averaged 85 people for each event. They are \$900 in the black. The PR committee did spend more for ads for the Preview and GD. The new allocation of \$500 for ads was worth the money. We now put in three ads—in the Gazette, the Hampshire Life section, and the Amherst Bulletin. The ad is now smaller but in color.

**Tech Committee:** Judy Moran was approved to co-chair the tech committee.

**Curriculum Committee:** Carol pointed out that the Smith room was very crowded for the annual meeting. Could we arrange the venue differently, say with fewer tables and more chairs, when we have the annual meeting. This year's Preview had over 40 people as guests.

The new calendar for 2013-14 has been sent out to the Council members. Notice that the fall Preview has been changed to a Saturday as an experiment. It will be Nov. 23. Since there is confusion about naming the two Previews, it was agreed that we will call them the *November and April Previews*, not the Spring and Fall which we use currently. The picnic will be on Sept 17. Items marked in red are still being arranged.

The Council voted to accept the Calendar as presented. It will go out to all members in the June newsletter.

**Reminder:** The retirement party for Callie will be on Friday, June 14 at the Amherst College Alumni House from 4 to 6 pm. All members are invited.

**Next meeting: June 13, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Peck, Secretary.