

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2015

Present: Sheila Klem (president), Gordon Wyse (vice-president), Betsy Loughran (treasurer), Kathy Campbell (Asst. Treasurer), Richard Szlosek (secretary), Zina Tillona, Jim Averill, Fran Volkmann, Tyll van Geel, Bobbie Reitt, Dean Poli, Marybeth Bridegam, Ann Hartman

Guests: Chuck Gillies, Larry Ambs, Sara Wright, Kay Klausewitz, Gail Gaustad, Nina Scott, Liz Tiley

Absent: Jacob Greenburg

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM

The minutes of November 12, 2015 were approved by Council

Officer Reports:

Sheila began the meeting by stressing the point that new members coming into LIR should join for the organization as a whole and not just for the seminars. There had apparently been a few people unhappy with their seminar experiences and had requested refunds. She and Liz were handling the problem.

Gordon Wyse had no specific report but emphasized how much he had enjoyed working with the various committees the past few months.

Treasure Betsy Loughran said the Finance Committee did not meet last month and that information has been slow coming to her because Five College Inc. still does not have a fulltime bookkeeper. Betsy said we need to get \$6,000 in the spring semester to meet the budget prediction. She felt LIR is in good shape financially and reported that 41 people chose to sign up on-line this fall.

Old Business:

Old business centered on a review of the November 22 preview. Nina Scott was thanked for the article on the preview that she had written for the Daily Hampshire Gazette. Nina suggested that newcomers to the preview be given different colored name tags in the future so that they could be more readily identified. Marybeth Bridegam proposed that the preview program be modified with an introductory paragraph that delineates all the activities of LIR. Tyll van Geel stated that, if we continue to use the Mt. Holyoke site, we should make sure attendees use the lower parking lot and not the less accessible upper one. Bobbie Reitt suggested getting high school volunteers to hold signs directing folks to the proper parking area. It was also recommended that the food be placed at the far end of the room so that attendees had to pass by all the tables containing seminar proposals.

Committee Reports:

Tyll van Geel for the Curriculum Committee said they already have one proposal for the fall and that the committee continues to revise the moderator's manual. There will be a moderator's meeting on March 4 that in the first half will discuss how to develop an idea for a seminar and in the second half will present a skit about problems that can develop during a seminar. Tyll also said that Peter Reitt will present a class on file sharing on January 22 at Smith College.

For the Development Committee, Chuck Gillies said the total of gift intentions and cash received now stands at \$169,768 and that they have already received \$76,393. He also reported that it is now possible to give on-line.

There was no one present from the Great Decisions Committee but Gordon said the program of five Fridays in April is all set to go.

There was no report from the Finance Committee.

The Member Services Committee was represented by Gail Gaustad. She stated the newcomers' tea was tentatively scheduled for February 19 at the Loomis Community in South Hadley and that Joan McKelvey was one of the coordinators of the tea. The committee will begin work on an all LIR social event to be held in April to benefit the fund for the future. Sandy Belden will be in charge of obtaining the speaker.

Fran Volkmann said the Nominating Committee is hard at work.

Nina Scott reported that the Public Relations Committee consists of herself, Jim Scott and Joan Wofford. Nina has established contacts at the Gazette and plans to have an article in the paper in April.

Reporting for the Special Programs Committee, Kay Klauswitz said they are starting a new Broadway Music Group. They hope to attend local live productions at least twice a year. The Council stated their support and urged the committee to go ahead with their plans.

There was no report from the Technology Committee but reference was again made to Peter Reitt's class on file sharing.

There was no one present from the Winter Program Committee but Sheila said the planned tour of UMass buildings would have to be rescheduled to a later date.

Office Manager, Liz Tiley, praised the work of the Smith College student who has been working with her on a part time basis. Liz also said the lottery will be coming up on December 18.

New Business:

The only new business was a discussion of the Memorial Service scheduled for January 7. Sheila is in charge of the service this year and has found speakers for some of the deceased members and was given suggestions for some other possibilities. It was decided that in the future LIR will make an effort to contact family members who might want to attend the memorial service.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50

Respectfully Submitted:
December 12, 2015
Richard W. Szlosek, Secretary