

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 2016

**Present:** Sheila Klem (President), Gordon Wyse (Vice-President), Betsy Loughran (treasurer), Kathy Campbell (Asst. Treasurer), Richard Szlosek (Secretary), Zina Tillona, Jim Averill, Tyll van Geel, Bobbie Reitt, Marybeth Bridegam, Ann Hartman, Jacob Greenburg

**Guests:** Chuck Gillies, Nina Scott, Liz Tiley, Ina Luadtke

**Absent:** Fran Volkmann, Dean Poli

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM

The minutes of February 11, 2016 were approved by the Council. Treasurer Betsy Loughran said she would take the approved minutes to the Five College Inc. treasurer to begin transfer of the funds.

**Officer Reports:**

Sheila began the meeting with the announcement that Office Manager, Liz Tiley, had resigned effective March 18, 2016 due to the fact she had accepted a new position at Smith Vocational High School. Sheila reported that Liz's predecessor, Callie Orszak, had agreed to return to run the office for the next three months and for a period of thirty hours a week. She will resume working on March 14. Five College Inc. will create a committee to interview applicants for the Office Manager position. Barbara Lucey, the Treasurer of Five College Inc. will head the committee and Council members on that body will be Sheila Klem, Gordon Wyse, Kathy Campbell and Marybeth Bridegam.

Vice-President Gordon Wyse had no report.

Treasurer Betsy Loughran used this time to give both her individual report and that of the Finance Committee simultaneously. Betsy said Liz's departure meant she would have to wait until the next Council meeting to come in with a final budget. This was because there will now have to be changes in the budget as to the Office Manager's salary. The good news was that dues will remain the same for next year. Betsy indicated there is a small deficit in the draft budget but she did not think it was significant.

The draft budget showed a new income source from the investment fund that totaled \$2,000. Chuck Gillies voiced the concern that the income should not be taken from the investment fund but directly from the Campaign funds. There was discussion between him and Betsy on the point and they finally agreed they would leave it to the Finance Committee to decide from which fund the \$2,000 would derive.

Betsy then moved: **Council accept the draft budget as presented.** Gordon Wyse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Old Business:**

Sheila reported that the Executive Committee had approved the final wording for the new Emeritus category and that it will appear in the catalog at the spring preview. It will first be presented to the membership in either the next newsletter or by means of a special e-mail to all members. Nina Scott suggested the word Emeritus should be written in the form "Emeritus/a" and Sheila said she would do so.

## **Committee Reports:**

Office Manager, Liz Tiley, was allowed to report first and expressed her thanks to the Council and the membership for the pleasure of working with them the past few years. She will begin working with Callie on the transition next week. Liz feared we might be losing our Smith College intern for the rest of the spring. Sheila presented Liz a few gifts on behalf of the Council.

Curriculum Committee: Tyll van Geel said they have received a total of 23 proposals. The committee has completed its revision of the Moderator's Manual and will now begin working on a new one called the Participant's Manual. The committee will begin polling existing moderators re their willingness to have Emeritus/a auditors in their fall seminars. Tyll said the Moderator's meeting of March 4 went well and had 35 attendees. He also raised the question for future consideration if LIR needs a back-up web director.

Development Committee: Chuck Gillies reported that in the fund raising drive towards the goal of \$250,000, there is now a total of \$183,105 which includes funds from the \$70,000 matching gifts grant and from gifts that are intended to come in. The actual amount already received is \$116,652. The total of the funds that can be applied towards the \$70,000 is \$38,205. Chuck expressed some disappointment that there have been only 92 gifts from LIR members as he had hoped the number by now would be close to 50% of the membership

Finance Committee: See Treasurer's report.

Great Decisions: Jacob Greenburg said the brochures for the lecture series went out and it was unfortunate they were so difficult to open due to the adhesive that was used. He said the April 4 Learning Supplement of the Hampshire Gazette would include a feature article on the series.

Membership Services: An e-mail from Nancy Clune was read which said the committee was still receiving RSVP's for the April 11 meeting and that the committee will soon be meeting again with representatives from Hadley Farms.

Nominating Committee: Ann Hartman read the list of nominees for next year. They are Gordon Wyse (President), Marybeth Bridegam (Vice-President), Kathy Campbell (Treasurer), Michael Brooks (Secretary) and Jim Perot (Asst. Treasurer).

Public Relations Committee: Nina Scott announced she has been able to get two LIR articles published in the Live Well supplement of the Gazette. She said there would be future cooking articles by herself and Katy van Geel and referred again to the April 4 article concerning the Great Decisions program. Nina plans to look into the use of bumper stickers as promotional aides and suggested a tour of the Gazette would be a good idea for the Summer/Winter program.

Special Programs: Ina Luadtke reported that 51 people responded favorably to the survey of interest for a Theater Interest group and that 23 of those indicated they would purchase two tickets which would make the total number of those interested to be 74. Ina reminded everyone that the poetry reading date was April 15 at 2 PM at the Northampton Lathrop Community and that local writer, Leslea Newman, would be in attendance.

Winter/Summer Program: No one was present from the committee but they will be meeting on March 22 to decide on summer programs.

Technology Committee: There was much discussion about the need to revive this committee as there is clearly a need for many members to have assistance with the ever growing field of technology. It was indicated the Council would spend much more time in the future to reconstitute the committee.

Respectfully Submitted:  
March 13, 2016  
Richard W. Szlosek, Secretary

