

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 12, 2016

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

Guests: Gail Gaustad, Ina Luadtke, Larry Ambs, Chuck Gillies, Nina Scott

Absent: Jim Averill

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM

The minutes of April 14, 2016 were approved by the Council.

Officer Reports:

President Sheila Klem began the meeting with a brief report that things continue to go smoothly at the office due to the work of Callie Orszak. There was one recent glitch with the mailing out of registration forms to members who did not attend the fall preview. This has caused the lottery to be pushed back to June 1. The lottery will include all registration forms dated May 24 or earlier. Marybeth Bridegam reminded Sheila that she will soon need registrations for the first scheduled Summer/Winter trip. Sheila also reminded everyone that LIR member, Jillian Hensley, will have a book signing at the Florence Civic Center of May 21.

Vice-President Gordon Wyse reported the search for the new office manager is going well and that six of the nine planned interviews have been completed. He said that Barbara Lucey of Five College Inc. would join the second round of interviews.

Treasurer Betsy Loughran gave a combined Treasurer's and Finance Committee report. Betsy made four motions:

- 1. 5CLIR not draw moneys from the 5CLIR Investment Fund until it has reached the sum of \$200,000.**
- 2. 5CLIR draw from the Campaign for the Future in each of the years of Fiscal '17, '18 and '19 up to one third of 20% of the funds actually received.**
- 3. 5CLIR transfer the maximum of 80% of the funds received each quarter from the Campaign for the Futures to the 5CLIR Investment Fund.**
- 4. Council move \$24,000 from the 4011 account to the 4012 Investment Account at the close of the third quarter.**

Betsy then moved that the four motions be approved as a package. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by Council.

At this point Sheila thanked Kathy Campbell for the work she has done in assuming the management of the 5CLIR web site.

Old Business:

There was a brief discussion about the annual meeting and fall preview. Except for some tables that had not been set up on time, the afternoon went well. There was a good turnout and forty new guests had attended. It was suggested an effort should be made in the future to determine how newcomers had learned about LIR.

New Business:

It was stressed again that committee chairs must get their reports in by the end of May and that there is only one more Council meeting left this year. It was also suggested that the next Council should consider doing something special to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entrance into World War I.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee: Tyll van Geel made the following points: (1) a sub-committee would look into the possibility of putting the preview catalog as an online offering, (2) his committee feels the office manager should keep data on enrollees, (3) seminar proposals will now have a set word length, (4) there will now be handbooks for both moderators and participants. Tyll also presented the LIR calendar for the next fiscal year which included the early date of October 5 as the due date for spring proposals. That date created a good deal of concern and discussion but, in the end, it was left untouched. Council member, Zina Tillona, suggested that, while keeping the format of a spring and a fall preview, it might be a good idea to have but a single date each year for all proposals to be submitted to the Curriculum Committee. Her suggestion will be taken back to the committee for further consideration.

Development Committee: Chuck Gillies reported that the total of intended gifts and funds actually received now stood at \$189,008, (75% of the goal) while the funds "in the bank" totaled \$133, 055. 120 LIR members had now contributed to the campaign which is 42% of the membership. Funds that can be applied against the \$70,000 matching figure stand at \$43,315. Chuck was justly proud that so far administrative expenses are less than \$500 (approximately .5% of the total). Including the Perls event and the student office aid, the committee has spent less than one half of 1% of the total.

Finance Committee: See Treasurer's report.

Great Decisions: Jacob Greenburg reported the five lectures in April had gone off successfully. Four of the five speakers had received positive evaluations. The average

attendance at the lectures was 88 and 24 non-LIR members had purchased the full program. He thought the committee might have as much as a \$1,000 surplus and that one speaker had voluntarily returned her stipend to the committee for its use. Jacob was uncertain if the Northampton Senior Center would be available (at a charge of \$100 per use) next year as there will be a new director of Elder Services in Northampton.

Membership Services: Gail Gaustad said the committee is already planning the picnic for September.

Nominating Committee: Fran Volkmann said the ballots would be mailed out on May 16 and be due back by May 31. Some tellers from her committee would then observe the tallying of the votes while the actual counting of the votes will be done by some LIR volunteers.

Public Relations Committee: Nina Scott reported that so far 3 out of the 14 "Tasting Circle" articles she has co-written with Katy van Geel have been published in the Gazette. Nina passed around a copy of her article on the Great Decisions Committee that had appeared in the Gazette and she said there would soon be an article on the Science Round Table.

Special Programs: Ina Luadtke said 32 members had signed up for the theater interest group and there was a possibility for a photography interest group in the fall. She said there were 14 presenting poets at the annual afternoon of poetry at Rockridge last month. The committee ran 11 programs last year.

Summer/Winter Program: There was no chair present and it was pointed out that not all programs offered by this committee made it into the preview catalog. There will be e-mails announcing the omitted programs in the near future.

Technology Committee: Peter Reitt has agreed to try to revive this committee and is still waiting to get a list of names of some interested participants.

Office Manager: The acting Office Manager was not present.

Meeting Adjourned 3:52

Respectfully Submitted:

May 15, 2016

Richard W. Szlosek, Secretary

