

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM

Present: Sheila Klem (President), Gordon Wyse (Vice-President), Betsy Loughran (Treasurer), Kathy Campbell (Asst. Treasurer), Richard Szlosek (Secretary)

Council Members: Fran Volkmann, Jim Averill, Ann Hartman, Tyll van Geel and Bobbie Reitt

Absent: Marybeth Bridegam, Jacob Greenburg, Zina Tillona, Dean Poli

Committee Chairs and Others Present: Larry Ambs, Chuck Gillies, Ina Lauttke, Sara Wright, Nina Scott and Nancy Clune

The minutes of the May 12 Council meeting were amended to include the statement that the Finance Committee had spent less than one half of 1% of their funds on administration costs. The minutes were then accepted.

Sheila Klem began her final meeting as president by thanking the Council for all the cooperation she has received this past year. She also gave thanks to officers Betsy Loughran (Treasurer) and Richard Szlosek (Secretary) both of whom will be stepping down from their positions.

Vice President Gordon Wyse thanked Sheila for her work the past year and pointed out that she had filled the roles of both president and past president without a hitch. He also thanked her for the manner in which she had unified the membership.

Treasurer Betsy Loughran again asked for all outstanding bills to be handed in to her as soon as possible. She offered good wishes to Kathy Campbell who will replace her.

Secretary Rich Szlosek offered his thanks to everyone for the cooperation he had received in his work.

Sheila and Gordon then gave an update on the hiring of the new Office Manager. She is Letitia (Tisha) Ferguson. She will work with Callie Orszak the week of June 13-17 and June 17 will be Callie's final day. Tisha will take over on July 5 and the office will be closed for two weeks from June 20- July 5. Gordon said there had been over 100 applicants and that there had been 9 interviews.

In the new business section of the meeting, Sheila announced that Jim Perot, who had been nominated to be Assistant Treasurer, had to withdraw from that position as he and his wife will be moving to the Philadelphia area. This means there will be a vacancy on the incoming Executive Committee. The recommendation of the present Executive

Committee was to do nothing over the summer and let the issue be addressed by the next Council. There was discussion as to whether a special election might be required by the by-laws. Fran Volkmann then made the following motion:

**The Council endorses the policy for the incoming president to appoint the next Assistant Treasurer.**

The motion was seconded by Ann Hartman and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee: Tyll van Geel said the lottery had been held on June 8 and three committee members had been present to assist Callie. The old style lottery system was used and Tyll said it had been very hard work. He thought the new Office Manager would need special training in how to handle the lottery. Larry Ambs suggested the computerized version was still the best way to go and Sheila further suggested the next Council might create an Ad Hoc committee to study the question of the lottery. Tyll completed his remarks by saying the two new handbooks for moderators and participants had been approved by the committee and that a sub-committee had been created to evaluate the emeritus experiment. He also said no decision had been made on the question of an on-line catalog and that the committee had agreed to meet on August 4.

Nominating Committee:

Fran Volkmann announced that the new members of Council were Joanne Creighton, Chris Hurn, Jonathan Jay and Terry Rosenfeld. (Rosenfeld will be filling out the term of Marybeth Bridegam who will become Vice-President.) Fran thanked her teller committee and especially Sara Wright.

Development Committee:

Chuck Gillies reported that the total, which included monies received, intended gifts and funds that could be applied towards the \$70,000 match, now amounted to \$202,595. The amount actually "in the bank" was \$139,976. 124 LIR members had made gifts which is 43% of the membership. \$56,812 was the amount of the funds that could be applied towards the \$70,000 match grant. Chuck expressed some concern that his records and those of the Office Manger don't match and he will be looking into the situation to make sure there is not a problem in the system.

Finance Committee:

Betsy Loughran had nothing more to report as the committee is waiting for figures from the end of the fiscal year.

Great Decisions:

No one was present from the committee.

Member Services:

Nancy Clune took the opportunity to introduce herself as the co-chair.

Public Relations:

Nina Scott passed around the Tasting Circle article that had appeared in Hampshire Life in May. She said there would be more of them and that the committee will write an article about the UMass building tour that took place today.

Special Programs:

This was Ina Luadtke's final day as chairperson after five years. She said a new program would be a photography workshop at the Amherst Media Center led by Marty Espinola and that the committee was considering some type of program in which local authors would meet with members.

Summer/Winter Committee:

No one was present from the committee but mention was again made of the UMass building tour that had occurred earlier in the day.

Technology:

Bobbie Reitt said Peter Reitt is still waiting for a list of names of those interested in serving on the committee. Gordon said he would get the names to Peter soon.

At this point Sheila expressed thanks to departing Council members, Dean Poli, Zina Tillona and Fran Volkmann. She also thanked Larry Ambs whose term as Five College Liaison is over and Sara Wright whose term as Historian has concluded.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

June 12, 2016

Richard Szlosek, Secretary