

September 5, 1990
Learning in Retirement Council meeting

Gibson presiding, the following persons present: Keating, Gibson, Swanson, Southworth, Rapoport, Lieson, Reid, Kaufman.

Reid: summarized events of the past month related to LIR's move into the Field House at Smith campus, including summary of telephone inquiries, increase in the number of memberships (approximately 80 at this date). Reid acknowledged gifts of typewriter (Lieson); typewriter table, file box, desk lamp, (Kaufman); file cabinet (Beal); Reid reported on purchase of office supplies at favorable cost.

Gibson: Amherst Bulletin carried a story last week featuring Lehman's picture, and nice summary of LIR; reported story to be printed in Holyoke Transcript next Saturday in the style section.

Rapoport: reported that the chairs of the various committees met on 8/30 in Field House to consider:
Chairs will designate a time to meet at regular intervals, the meeting to be cancelled if there is no business in prospect. Communication among the chairs will be facilitated by Reid's having established in the office files for each committee to leave messages and information. Some chairs will designate co-chairs. All committees will get material in to the newsletter chair on a calendar established by the newsletter chair --at this time, for the next scheduled newsletter the filing deadline is November 20. Material should be typed in the format the submitting committee wishes to be used, although the newsletter committee reserves the option of editing copy if their professional judgment suggests the appropriateness of editing. Master calendar in the office will carry the dates for submitting copy to the newsletter.
PR chair, Harriet Rowenc-Taylor agreed to have a flyer prepared for distribution at the open membership meeting on September 13 with messages from the committees, for example, reminder to members to hasten to prepare proposals for Winter Session study groups; reminders about special events in prospect and the need to have persons phone in to office their reservation for a place in any special event
The chairs are: Lucy McAfee, support services; 586 3640
Harriet Roswenc-Taylor, Publicity 253 2482 (co chair Rosanne Soffer 584 8284)
Marjorie Kaufman, Curriculum 533 9009
Suzanne Lehman, Newsletter 586 5224; Sally Lawton, Special events 527-3579
Catherine Pitoniak, Membership 562 0317

Gibson: reported a conversation with Frank Ellis to the effect that the presidents of the five colleges were appointing representatives to an oversight committee to oversee (?) 5CLIR; apparently he misunderstood the present organization and management of 5CLIR, and when Stabell joined the meeting she agreed to speak to Ellis and correct his interpretation of the status of such an oversight committee. Lieson at this juncture suggested that he be allowed to read the by-laws of Five Colleges Inc.

Gibson: will look in to the reason that U-Mass faculty club is obliged to request Swanson: LIR to take an institutional (corporate?) membership in order to be able to continue to use space in that building for study groups; they will ascertain exact status of LIR with regard to U-Mass present commitment to support LIR. Gibson also reported that he has made the appropriate application to U-Mass public safety folks to obtain parking privileges in lot 62 for LIR's attending study groups in Faculty Club. More on this later. The general issue of cooperative membership in college faculty clubs may be investigated in future)

Gibson: He has heard from the two foundations from which he had sought information about financial support for our program; it was agreed that such ideas would be tabled at this time, since agreement was expressed that reducing the membership fees rather than trying to develop a financial assistance scholarship program was a more sensible objective in broadening membership.

Gibson: circulated correspondence from Elderhostel Institute Network concerning a planned seminar in Greece in June 1991; council talked about developing a study group proposal on Greek culture (some aspects), and tentatively Gibson, Southworth and ~~Djeranis~~ will think about.

Discussion: agenda for open meeting on the 13th...introduce new members; identify moderators, identify committee chairs; invite new members to join committees, to talk with moderators of their study groups.

Kaufman: reported status of enrollment in Fall 1990 study groups:

Autobiographical writing: two sections

Ethical issues: 15 persons

Free press: 12 persons

Bright Images: 21 persons

New Deal: 11 persons

Quabbin: 15

Romanovs: 13

English language: 18

Gibson: reviewed modification of draft of by-laws; he will have new draft for next council meeting

Next council meeting: at Field house office on Wednesday September 19 at 10.30 a.m.

Submitted in absence of McAfee by

Gladys Rappaport