

June 9, 1992 Five College Learning in Retirement Program  
LIR council meeting on this date, 9.30 a.m. at the Field House at  
Smith College  
Vice President Lucy McAfee presided because of the illness of  
President Barbara Southworth. Present were council members  
Lieson, Gibson, Reid, Dunn, Rapoport, Sally Lawton, Committee chairs  
Lehman, Senders, Keating.

The minutes of the previous council meeting having been circulated, Gibson moved, Dunn seconded, acceptance, and the vote to accept was unanimous. The treasurer's report is held, since year-end figures are at this time in process of developing.

Clear and protracted contention concerning governance practises of the LIR was expressed by Membership chair, and these comments were duly noted. The membership chair also reported that the membership committee had endorsed a moderately revised version of the original draft of a new membership application; the draft had been provided to the membership chair so that the membership committee could review and recommend modifications. The council endorsed unani- mously the revision recommended by the membership committee.

Dunn remarked that the council was remiss in its failure to delegate responsibility. This issue was not pursued, but the vice president encouraged Dunn to formulate this issue so as to have consideration of the problem at the proposed "retreat."

Senders clarified comments occurring at the previous council meeting, which had been erroneously represented in the secretary's minutes of the previous meeting; these comments had to do with the intention of the curriculum committee's plan to circulate a questionnaire to the membership; at issue had been an earlier decision of the council to ask to review documents being sent to the membership by a committee. Council was in agreement that the policy of general circulation of documents to the membership could profitably be reviewed, since council review may be appropriate in some instances, and not useful in others. The secretary is giving the president a note to include this item in a list of items for future review.

McAfee read a letter from Sam Freedman in which he resigned from membership on the council; the letter is to be placed in the files; the secretary will request the president to acknowledge the resignation by letter. McAfee announced that the president had asked Jackie Wisneski to serve out the remainder (two years) of Freedman's term; in the recent election, Wisneski had received the next highest number of votes after the persons who won places on the council, as reported in previous council minutes.

McAfee circulated a notice of the death of our member Madeline Rubins, and asked LIRs if they wished to attend a gathering in Madeline's memory at the home of her friend Phyllis Lehrer on June 14. The secretary will notify the president to schedule at the next membership meeting in September a memorial tribute to Madeline

McAfee announced that Fran Nichols of the Northampton Y would like to have a person from LIR speak to a group of persons about LIR; Suzanne Lehman, chair of publicity/newsletter agreed to arrange to do this.

McAfee called for the annual reports of the committee chairs; none of these had been prepared and thus were not forthcoming at this time. McAfee asked that these be prepared and sent to her, to be collated and prepared for study and for the building archives.

Senders reported on the enthusiastic response and great general success of the short seminar offered by our guest Herb Greenhut, from the New York IRP. Senders also commended Reid for the extraordinarily competent and gracious work she had done in hosting Greenhut and in general contributing to the outstanding quality of this special seminar.

Reid spoke of the increasing use of video equipment moderators would like to have available for seminars and suggested that this equipment sometimes is not readily available; it might therefore become desirable for LIR to consider purchase of such equipment; several persons spoke of the possible use for this purpose of cash gifts which are given to LIR from time to time and which have been deposited in an "emergency" fund, but not designated as yet for a specific use.

McAfee asked the chairs of curriculum, membership and publicity, to write material they wish to have considered at the retreat; issues, suggestions, etc.

Reid reported informally on the status of membership renewals and seminar enrollment: 91 persons have renewed membership; several seminars have waiting lists; but the figures are not fully available at this time.

Dates considered and Reid asked to make reservations for: Tuesday September 22 or Thursday September 24 Red Barn for a general membership meeting. Retreat the last week of August, or the first week in September, or on an alternative (delay until later in the Fall)

McAfee asked all persons present to prepare written notes concerning what kind of thing persons ~~persons~~ think we want to be looking at in order to draft "...where we want to be in five years..." or "...what course should LIR be following, and/or developing, etc." Discussion of whom should be asked to join in the retreat, general consensus that at least all persons who had at any time in LIR been on council, officers, chairs, moderators; perhaps others at large, on some basis of volunteering....final list yet to be reviewed further, and then determined. Discussed also questions of site, consultant facilitator or not, subjects to consider.

Reid asked persons who will be covering the office during the summer to work with her to become oriented to the tasks to be performed, and to set up a ~~schedule~~ schedule, and this is being done. Next meeting of council July 7 at 9.30 a.m.