

February 10, 1993. Meeting of the Council of Learning in Retirement.
Present: Beal, Braunthal, Dunn, Goodwin, Kaufman, Keppler, Lieson, Navon,
Quint, Rapoport, Reid, Southworth, Unger, Wisneski, Stabell.

President Bill Lieson opened the meeting by asking Council members to observe a moment of silence in memory of Irvine Elliot who died on February 6th.

The Secretary's report was read. Two items in the report were discussed. First, a correction concerning the Great Decisions course. Registration for the course has not as yet taken place. The note in the Secretary's report should be stricken from the record. Second, Gladys Rapoport expressed concern that the minutes do not show the rationale behind the change in the fee schedule. Members of the Council expressed the opinion that this aspect of the policy had been clear in the Secretary's report of the December meeting of the Council. Anne Keppler emphasized that the policy would be implemented on a trial basis for two years.

The Treasurer's report stated that expenditures to date had been \$10,800 from a total budget of \$18,000. Some questions were raised about expenditures and income for Special Events. In this connection, it was recommended that a separate line in the budget be set up for the January and the Summer Programs so that they would be separated from the Special Events account. Jean Stabell said that this would be arranged through the Five College Office. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

✓ In the absence of Priscilla Dolloff, Anne Keppler gave a report for the Membership Committee, noting that the committee will be meeting on February 18th. The report noted that the committee had sent cards to members who have been ill and to those members who have suffered a bereavement. Virginia Beal reminded the Council that the matter of cards had been discussed in the past and that a decision had been made that the sending of cards to individuals should come from fellow members of seminars and not from the LIR Association, Marjorie Kaufman made a motion that the Council should reaffirm the policy that cards should be sent from the seminars during the semester and from the chair of the January and Summer Programs when the seminars are not in session. The motion passed unanimously. The Membership Committee report noted that there are 4 new members this term. Members of the Council felt that this is a low number compared with other years and asked if the Membership Committee had discussed this question. Eleanor Reid said that this is on the agenda of the Long Range Planning Task Force and she listed several reasons that have been suggested to her as the cause of the low number. Members of the Council reviewed various strategies which have been used in the past to recruit new members and a list of these will be passed on to the Chair of the Membership Committee by Nicole Dunn.

Nicole Dunn reported that the January Program had proceed^{ed} per schedule in spite of bad weather and stated that there had been a good showing at these meetings. All of the sessions were video taped and will be shown on ACTV. David Navon reported that videos of last year's programs are being shown currently on ACTV and will be shown on community TV in Northampton. Tapes of this year's session are being edited and will be shown in the future. The Council gave a round of applause for the work of Nicole Dunn and David Navon on the January Program.

David Navon reported for the Curriculum Committee on registration for the spring. He said that committee questions whether low registration is due to the topics offered. The committee plans to study topics offered in the past to try to get a handle on what subjects, etc., make for strong registration. Marjorie Kaufman urged the committee to consider proposals from the point of view of quality, rather than the number of members attracted to a topic. David said that proposals for the fall are due on April 15th. Harvey Unger has developed a new form for writing proposals which will be reviewed at the next Curriculum Committee meeting. Bill Lieson said that the report of the Curriculum Committee was accepted with gratitude.

Harvey Unger reported that work has begun on the Summer Program. A sub committee of the Curriculum Committee whose members are David Dill, Priscilla Dolloff, Helen Ward, Thelma Isaacs, and Pat Ennis will meet in late February. They expect to have a catalogue of summer events ready by mid April.

Gladys Rapoport reported that a letter will go out to the membership in the third week of February giving all the information about the Great Decisions Course.

Jackie Wisneski noted that the deadline for the next newsletter will be March 18th and that the newsletter will go out in the last week of March.

Bill Lieson had to leave the meeting at 3:00 and the rest of the meeting was chaired by Eleanor Reid. At the Chair's suggestion, two items on the agenda were postponed until next month's meeting, the New England Regional Conference and the Members' Manual. The Chair called for new business, postponing discussion of the Long Range Planning Task Force to an extra session following adjournment.

In New Business, Nicole Dunn called the Council's attention to the note in the Elderhostel Network Newsletter concerning exchange with LIR organizations within the network. It was agreed that the information should be circulated among the members to see who might be interested.

Barbara Southworth suggested that LIR needs more chairs in the Field House. A motion was made and passed to buy 6 more chairs. In a discussion about the need for a PA system for general membership meetings, it was suggested that LIR inquire whether this equipment could be borrowed from the host college. In the meantime, David Navon agreed to investigate the cost of buying such a system.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.