

April 8, 1993. Meeting of the Council of Learning in Retirement.

Present: Southworth, Lieson, Gibson, Unger, McAfee, Wisneski, Beal, Goodwin, Morse, Quint, Dunn, Senders, Lawton, Lehman.

Bill Lieson presented a financial statement from the Five Colleges and a monthly report for April. He stated that it looks as though we will end the year with a surplus of \$1000-2000. Both Bill and Harley Unger made the point that LIR must accommodate its basic accounting system to the Five College system and that this means that sometimes we do not get a report in a format that is most meaningful to us. Bill and Anne Keppler and Karen will be meeting soon to prepare a year-end report for the general membership meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report which Bill had prepared.

Barbara Southworth announced dates for meetings in May. May 6 at the Field House there will be a general meeting to vote on the amended By-laws. On May 20 in the Red Barn there will be the general year-end meeting with Pot Luck lunch.

Ginny Senders announced that May 10 will be a Meet the Moderators meeting at the Red Barn. Some discussion followed concerning plans for seminar registration, including dates for the lottery. Some members expressed the opinion that places in seminars should be held for new members, or that seminars should be expanded to accommodate members who join after the lottery has taken place. The group concluded that it is important to hold seminars to 15 and that every effort should be made to inform new members about registration so that they can participate in the initial round of registration. Some discussion followed about seminars for which a lottery is necessary. It was emphasized again that a place will not be given to members who will be absent for the first two meetings of the new semester. Virginia Beal suggested that current moderators be polled to find out what the attendance patterns had been for the spring semester.

David Morse asked if our literature about LIR addressed the question of members responsibility to the work of the seminar. He noted that he has been in two seminars in which some members made very little effort to prepare reports conscientiously. Members of the Council agreed that this is a problem and that it is a matter to which moderators should speak at the opening meeting of the seminar. Ginny Senders suggested that the Curriculum Committee would discuss this matter at their next meeting. Barbara Southworth noted that the same matter of responsibility of membership applies in a "member-directed organization" to the work of the Council and committees. She added that a task force is preparing a Handbook for Members that will outline privileges and responsibilities of membership and that the task force hopes to have the handbook ready for the fall.

Ginny Senders said that the Curriculum Committee has had some preliminary discussion of the possibility that moderators be given first choice in registering for lotteried seminars as a kind of "mini-reward". It was the general feeling of the Council that in an organization based on peer group learning that no reward is necessary.

Harley Unger asked about the method for further amendments to the By-laws and whether the By-laws could be amended further at the membership meeting called to vote on the changes made by the By-law Task Force. It was pointed out that changes in the wording or changes to clarify a By-law could be made from the floor, but that substantive changes have to be taken back through the Council and voted on there before a general membership vote could be taken.

Lucy McAfee reported that she has two members for the Nominating Committee and that she hopes to have two more by the end of the week. She plans to call a meeting of the committee for Thursday, April 15.

Suzanne Lehman announced that the Newsletter Committee will meet the week of April 12. The committee has formed a sub-committee to plan for an exchange with members of the University of the Third Age, the exchange to take place in the fall.

There was no further business and a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Ellen Goodwin, Secretary.