

November 11, 1993. Meeting of the Council of Learning in Retirement
Present: Beal, Braunthal, Dolloff, Dunn, Goodwin, Keating, Keppler,
Lehman, Lieson, Navon, Rapoport, Southworth, Unger, Wisneski,
Stabell, exofficio

The Secretary's report was read. There was some discussion of the statement in the notes concerning the chairmanship of the Long Range Planning Committee. The sentence was amended to read "the President requests that the committee choose its own Chair." The minutes were approved as amended.

Anne Keppler presented the Treasurer's report. She stated that we are in good shape compared to other years. Some discussion of postage costs followed, the Treasurer pointing out that it costs us \$50.00 every time we send a notice to the entire membership. It was suggested by members of the Council that such notices might be distributed through the seminars, but the Council felt that a direct mailing is more satisfactory. Gladys Rapoport suggested that Karen Tatro keep a log of both mailings and projects requiring many xerox copies. Bill Lieson emphasized that moderators and chairs should be aware of the need to keep costs down.

✓ Anne Keppler presented an oral report from the Finance Committee on LIR's fee schedule. Members of the Finance Committee are: Alice Friedman, Bob Grose, Eleanor Reid, Duncan Rollason, Laura Schilling, Barbara Southworth, Anne Keppler, Bill Lieson, exofficio. After considerable discussion, the Finance Committee recommended a \$90.00 sustaining membership fee and a \$30.00 tuition fee for each semester, making a total membership cost of \$150.00 per year. Members of LIR who do not participate in a seminar during one semester may request a \$30.00 rebate for that semester. Such a request must be made in writing to the Finance Committee. Anne Keppler stated that the committee felt that it is important to ask for and collect the full fee of \$150.00 at the beginning of the year. Members of the Council expressed concern as to the effect of this change in fees on our general finances and Jackie Wisneski asked how the Finance Committee would implement such a schedule. Harley Unger suggested that the Finance Committee submit a full written report at the next Council meeting including proposals for the implementation of the plan. Bill Lieson moved that the Council acknowledge the receipt of an oral report from the Finance Committee and that the report be tabled until the next Council meeting. The motion passed.

David Navon reported the nomination of five new members of the Curriculum Committee. They are: Florence Bardondes, Ed Buck, Bob Grose, Bill Hubbard, Eve Posada. There are now 15 members on the committee. The Council approved the nominations. In other business, the Curriculum Committee recommends that moderators who wish to have more than 15 people in a seminar be allowed to do so. A motion was made and passed that moderators who wish to have more than 15 members in a seminar should apply to the Curriculum Committee for approval. David announced that Nicole Dunn would chair a sub-committee on the January Program and that Harley Unger would chair a sub-committee on the Summer Program. Eleanor Reid has been chosen to represent the Curriculum Committee on the Finance Committee.

David Navon had a meeting with the moderators of the 13 groups meeting at present. He encouraged each moderator to try to nominate one person from his group to propose a new course. At the moment, the Curriculum Committee had 4 definite proposals and 4 tentative proposals for the spring. A motion was made and voted to

accept the report from the Curriculum Committee.

Gladys Rapoport reported for the Nominating Committee. Members of the Committee were: Bill Hubbard, Bill Gibson, Paul Rothery, Alice Friedman, Florence Bardondés (alternate). The Committee recommend a General Membership Meeting on Friday, Nov. 19th at the Field House for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Vice President. Following this meeting, written ballots will be mailed to the members and the results will be announced at the General Membership Meeting on December 16th. Gladys asked each member of the Council to call a certain number of members to give notice of the November 19th meeting. The Nominating Committee's report was accepted.

Jackie Wisneski reported for the Newletter/Publicity Committee that Mary Egginton will be in charge of publicity. Mary will send a memo to all moderators advising them that they should send any items of interest to her. The Council voted to accept the report.

Priscella Dolloff reported for the Membership Committee on the meeting for new members. She also told the Council that Bob Hale from the Hartford LIR has contacted her about the possibility of some exchanges with the Hartford Group. The Council voted to accept the report of the Membership Committee.

Barbara Southworth announced the General Membership Meeting with pot luck lunch on Dec. 16th. The focus of the meeting will be on the result of the election, the January Program, and the seminar offerings for the spring. It was stated that the Curriculum Committee expected to have the list of spring seminars ready by Dec. 16 and that registration could take place at that meeting with further registration by mail.

Gladys Rapoport announced that plans are in the works for a Great Decisions course to begin in February and run for 8 weeks. Arrangement will be made similar to those for last year's course. Gladys emphasized that the expectation is that this course will be taken in addition to another seminar and not in place of a seminar. Plans for the course will be announced at the Dec. 16th meeting.

Suzanne Lehman was unable to be at the Council meeting. She forwarded to Bill Lieson a report on the visit of the members of the University of the Third Age. Bill Lieson said the report would be available if anyone wished to read it. Jackie Wisneski will include portions of the report in the Newsletter.

Bill Lieson distributed copies of a list of members of the original Long Range Planning Committee. The Council approved the continuance of this committee and requested that the new Vice President be Chair of the Committee.

Bill Lieson distributed copies of the program for an Elderhostel Network Conference to be held in Salem, Mass. Nov. 8-10, 1994. He emphasized that the conference is open to all members. LIR will have official delegates to the conference. Jackie Wisneski said that she feels that it is important for Chairs of all standing committees to attend.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Ellen Goodwin, Secretary