

December 10, 1993. Meeting of the Council of Learning in Retirement.  
Present: Beal, Braunthal, Dunn, Goodwin, Keating, Keppler, Lawton,  
Lieson, Navon, Rapoport, Southworth, Unger, Wisneski, Stabell exoff.

Gladys Rapoport reported for the Nominating Committee that there had been a large number of ballots returned and that Eleanor Reid had been elected Vice President. Bill Lieson congratulated Eleanor and welcomed her to the Council.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Anne Keppler presented the Treasurer's report, stating that our finances are in good shape. As part of the Treasurer's report, Anne distributed copies of the Finance Committee's recommendation for a change in the fee schedule for LIR. The committee has voted for a yearly membership fee of \$150.00 with the proviso that members can ask for a \$30.00 refund for any semester in which he/she does not participate in a seminar. The committee's report was placed in the form of a motion which was seconded. Considerable discussion followed on this subject with some members of the Council expressing the opinion that the matter needed to be studied further. Others felt that it might be referred to the Long Range Planning Committee. Most members of the Council felt that the Finance Committee had done its job and that the committee's recommendation should be accepted as a reasonable compromise which provides some flexibility compatible with the lifestyle of the members. The report of the Finance Committee was amended by the Council to

read: "We propose that the Council adopt a schedule for 1994-1995 which continues dues at the present level of \$150.00 for the year with the added specification that a member may request in writing a refund of \$30.00 for each semester of non-participation. This action should be reviewed in two years."

The recommendation was put in the form of a motion and was passed.

Anne Keppler stated that there has been very little discussion as to how memorial funds might be used. The consensus of the Council was that the funds be held until a special need becomes known. It was suggested that Anne might give a short summary of memorial contributions at the General Membership Meeting.

In the absence of Priscilla Dolloff, Bill Lieson reported for the Membership Committee that a member of the Hartford Adult Learning Program will visit our December meeting. In a discussion of ways in which LIR and ALP might cooperate, it was decided that David Navon as chair of the Curriculum Committee should contact the chair of the Curriculum Committee in Hartford and discuss possibilities. A motion was made stating that the Council gave general approval to pursuing the relationship. Virginia Beal amended the motion to read that the chair of the Curriculum Committee be authorized to pursue relationships with other LIR programs for the mutual benefit of the groups. The motion passed.

Bill Lieson reported for Marjorie Kaufman that work on the LIR manual is temporarily at the standstill. Work will resume when Marjorie has finished some teaching which she has taken on for this semester.

Bill Lieson announced that Eleanor Reid will act as chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. After some discussion about the



committee and the past work of the group, it was agreed that a new committee should be chosen and that this committee should develop its own agenda and present it to the Council. Gladys Rapoport suggested that the membership might be asked for ideas at the December meeting and encouraged to submit ideas in writing. The Council agreed to leave the formation of the committee to Eleanor Reid with the suggestion that 3 members might be designated by the Council, that 3 be volunteers from the membership, and that 3 be appointed as members at large to encourage that participation of new people.

Bill Lieson reminded the Council of the Elderhostel Network Conference to be held in Salem next year. Pat Keating and Gladys Rapoport expressed an interest in taking part in planning for the conference.

David Navon reported for the Curriculum Committee that twelve seminars are planned for the spring. He said that a full description of these seminars will be ready for the members at the December 16th meeting and that this list of seminars will be mailed to everyone on the extended mailing list. Members attending the December 16th meeting may register then and there will be further registration by mail. The Council discussed plans for the General Membership Meeting at which David will introduce the moderators and Nicole Dunn will distribute a sheet outlining the plans for the January program.

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Gladys Rapoport announced plans for the Great Decisions course are well along and that the format will be much the same as last year. The course is scheduled to begin on February 25th and continue for seven additional Fridays. A mailing will go out to the membership about this course.

Jackie Wisneski thanked Eleanor Reid for her work on the November newsletter. She announced that the deadline for the next newsletter will be January 10.

Sally Lawton said that the Special Events Committee has new members in place. Ellen Weiss has agreed to serve as secretary for the committee. The committee does not have a chair at present.

A motion for adjournment was made and passed.

Ellen Goodwin, Secretary.