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December 8, 1994 - Council Meeting, Learning in Retirement.  
Present: Reid, Lehman, Posada, Keating, Unger, Barondes, A. and B. Grose, Navon, T. Belsky, Braunthal, Quint, Egginton, Dolloff.

The minutes of the Nov. 10 meeting were approved, after adding the names of Gerry Braunthal and Mary Egginton as among those present.

The Treasurer's report for the period 8/1/94 through 11/30/94, presented by Eve Posada, indicates total funds of \$27,680.22. This includes a special account deposit of \$13,844.47, ~~much~~ of which is a carryover of ~~prepaid dues from FY 94.~~ from previous years.

Reports and concerns of the president: Eleanor said that Jean Stabell and Five Colleges, Inc. remain, as always, 5CLIR's link to our Five College sponsors, including their individual presidents who are kept informed of our activities. Contacting any one of them directly would be inappropriate, for members of 5CLIR as well as for members of other projects under Five College sponsorship. (Jean will channel special requests through the deans' meeting, which she regularly attends.)

(It was agreed that holiday gifts-of-appreciation are better given to a department, rather than to individuals.)

Our December membership meeting and potluck will be held Dec. 17 at the Red Barn. The LIR office will be closed Fri., Dec. 23; Fri., Dec. 30; and Mon., Jan 2.

The Meetings committee will arrange a membership meeting (probably early February) for an in-depth discussion of the recommendations of the Long Range Planning committee. Format of the meeting will be developed by the Executive committee.

Members of the Nominating committee for next year's council will be named in January.

The date of the next Council meeting was changed to Jan. 5 at the request of the president.

Vice-president's report - Harley said the Meetings committee has met once. Its members include Lora Simon, Miriam Kramer, Lee Snook, Margot Porter, Ella Melville, Frances Sutcliffe. How about some men joining?? He reported the new seminar evaluation system has ~~been~~ begun. Also, there will probably be a second members' art show in the spring (organized by Special Events committee).

Eve, for the Finance committee, reported its recent meeting centered on the administration of the donors' fund. ~~Their suggestion is that there be \$350 made available per year for members needing assistance in paying their fees.~~ <sup>correction</sup> ~~(remove sentence)~~ The treasurer and the chair of the Membership committee would be the appropriate persons to decide the allocation of funds. Applicants could be self-nominated OR suggested by a friend.

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Special Events chair Ted Belsky said the very successful bus trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York on Dec. 1 will serve as a model for future special events. The committee will act as facilitators for good ideas proposed for the general membership by both seminars and individuals. The guidelines will be distributed to members at the Dec. potluck.

The Curriculum committee proposed to Council a new policy which would give new members a better chance of enrolment in popular seminars. David Navon moved (and Harley seconded) that individuals newly-joining LIR be allowed to join seminars already filled, with the proviso that 2 slots per seminar be available for this and that the moderator agrees. The motion was passed by Council and will be tried on a one-year basis.

David said five events are scheduled for the January winter term and urged everyone to bring prospective members as guests. Council then passed a motion by Eve that in the event a fee is charged to members for Special Events, non-members who are visiting will be charged a small additional fee.

Other concerns of the Curriculum committee: how to interact with the general community; e.g., include college students in seminars or programs? (or primary and secondary students, Ann suggested)...develop more self-directed seminars?

Membership committee chair Priscilla Dolloff reported two new members on her committee: Ben Bowditch and Phyllis Joyce.

Publicity committee chair Mary Egginton said two news releases, on the spring seminars and on the January events, will go out next week. She welcomed future publicity assistance from staff at Five Colleges, Inc.

Coordinating committee, LIR Long Range Planning project: Bob Grose wants to move its recommendations through the Executive committee and the Council to the membership. Discussion to take place at a meeting to be scheduled for February. Bob also underlined the need for keeping good records and data, which will be useful for future analysis on trends in LIR.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned. The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at Five Colleges, Inc.

Suzanne Lehman, Secretary

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