

May 12, 1994. Meeting of the Council of Learning in Retirement.
Present: Beal, Braunthal, Dunn, Goodwin, Kaufman, Keating, Keppler,
Lieson, Rapoport, Reid, Southworth, Unger, Stabell, ex officio.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Anne Keppler gave a review of the Treasurer's report as given to the Annual Meeting, noting that we have a very healthy balance on hand. Jean Stabell asked for the Council's guidance on the matter of the Xerox machine, stating that a very good deal is available for a replacement. The Council agreed that we should consider the purchase of a new machine and the officers will confer with Jean Stabell on this. Anne Keppler noted that with a membership of 144 the organization has become too large for membership meetings at the Field House.

In a discussion of the publicity about LIR which appeared in the Hampshire Gazette, members of the Council expressed disappointment that the emphasis of the article was on a single seminar, rather than on the organization as a whole on its 5th anniversary. Members agreed that the article reflected the work of a particular reporter who chose to go that route. Harley Unger noted that Mary Egginton is preparing ads for local newspapers which will give information about LIR and encourage membership.

Harley Unger reported that the committee for the Summer Program is an excellent group and has come up with a very good program. In this connection, the Council discussed policy on fees and honoraria for Special Events. Suggestions were made about ways to clarify procedures and to indicate that money charged for Special Events would be used only in the Special Events account. Marjorie Kaufman suggested that the Special Events Committee write "formula sentences" that could be used in correspondence offering honoraria so that financial arrangements for each event would follow a standard procedure.

Bill Lieson gave thanks to Gladys Rapoport and the Nominating Committee for their work on the slate for the Annual Meeting. Gladys Rapoport noted that the ballots would be in the mail on May 13th and that the deadline for returning them is May 23rd.

The Council spent considerable time discussing the nominating process and the difficulties of getting information to the membership at large about the candidates. Eleanor Reid stated that the nominating process has been a major concern of the Long Range Planning Task Force. Some new ideas have been brought forward by the Task Force on Governance and this group will continue to work on this issue.

Eleanor Reid reported on the work of the Coordinating Committee of the Long Range Planning Task Force. She noted particularly the report of the Special Events/Community Relations Committee and said that the work of this committee had been outstanding in recommending new directions for the LIR program.

Harley Unger passed out copies of a questionnaire that the Coordinating Committee of the Task Force proposes to send to all members requesting information about members' background and about the kind of programs that members would like to have offered by LIR. After some discussion, the Council concluded

that it would recommend a shorter and more open ended questionnaire. Harley Unger will take these suggestions back to the committee.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Ellen Goodwin, Secretary