

5 College L. I. R. Council
Minutes: meeting of 11/9/95 at 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, L. & T. Belsky, Bowditch, Egginton, A. & R. Grose, Keating, Melrose, Navon, E. Posada, Reid, G. Rollason, Sherman, G & L Snook, H. Unger & Wisniewski.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by the President, Harley Unger.

Minutes of the 10/12/95 Meeting.

Corrections:

Curriculum Committee is aiming for 16 - 17 seminars per semester eventually - not for this spring semester.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Clarification:

The motion that we give a \$50. rebate for a missed semester was meant to imply that the rebate would apply to either semester.

It was also the consensus that members who didn't participate in seminars in a given semester would still be eligible to continue to serve as officers, on Council, Committees, etc..

Discussion of the Finance Committee report on Alternative Plans for a Contingency Fund was continued. We have been accumulating \$3 - 4,000. / year. The Special Events Fund has \$674.64 on hand There is \$2,160. in the Memorial Fund and a \$15,901.84 "Funds on Deposit" carryover.

Moved That we have a Contingency Fund equal to one year's expenses (+ /- \$18,000. for '95-'96), that the amount of the Contingency Fund be considered yearly by Council, and that Council be free to consider reductions in dues. Passed unanimously.

Moved that additional recommendations in the Finance Committee report be tabled. Passed unanimously.

Harley distributed copies of a proposal from the Elderhostel Institute Network that 5CLR host the Network's N. E. Regional Conference in the fall of '96 or spring of '97. After much discussion of the large amount of work involved it was:

Moved that a small feasibility committee be formed to report back to Council at the Dec. meeting and that the E. I. N. be so informed. Passed, 8 in favor, 4 against.

Volunteers for that Committee were Ann Grose and Harley Unger.

Harley asked once again that individual LIR members not be involved in conflicts with various college and university personnel. Any problems should be brought to Karen's attention so that the 5 College Office can handle them.

Eve Posada passed out Treasurer's statements for Aug. and Sept. and a report of '94 - '95 income and expenses with budget comparisons. (Copies appended) She noted that '94 - '95 postage for the mailing of the 5 College calander is reported on the August statement as expected.

David Navon reported that Robert Brooks, Director of Student Affairs Special Services, has indicated that he can no longer allow LIR seminars to meet at the Robsham Center at U. Mass.. He claims that there is no time available. David feels that we are a 5 College organization - our founding was approved by the Presidents of the 5 institutions - and that reasonable allowances should be made for space for meetings on the 5 campuses. Eleanor Reid wondered if it would be possible to have a coordinator at each institution.

Curriculum Committee reported the seminars for spring:

American Colonial History, 1607 - 1775 - Ben Bowditch; moderator

American Colonial History, 1770 - 1783 - Ben Bowditch, moderator

A question of Authorship - Isabel Holden, moderator

Jung's Life and Ideas - Senders and D. Snook, moderators

Autobiography - Amy Johnson, moderator

Seminars for spring, continued:

East Asian Painting - Craighill, moderator

Role of Women in W W II - Riggs, moderator

Films of Forster's Works - Barondes and Dunn, moderators

Creative Writing - Hooke and Sherman, moderators

Additional possibilities are: Reading the Masters, Use of Language - Bill Gibson, moderator, and Watercolor - Sufrin, moderator.

Great Decisions will also be held in the spring.

Social History will be held in the summer by David Dill

A number of seminars are also in the works for fall:

Making of the President - G. Goodwin, moderator

Computers - H. Unger and Navon, moderators

Play Reading - Days of the Round Table - Eve Posada, moderator

Notable Women - Quint, moderator

France Conversation - Guillumette, moderator

Social History, 1900 - 1920 - Guillumette, moderator

Jazz - Melrose, moderator

Bible for Common Readers - Beatty & J. Hartman, moderators

American Impressionists - Keating, moderator

What's So Fummy About That? - Sherman, moderator

Ted Belsky reported for Special Events that the trip to the Smithsonian in N.Y. was very worthwhile but undersubscribed so we didn't cover costs. A trip to the Worcester Museum of Art to see the Sargent exhibit is being planned for Dec. 1. If not enough sign up to rent a bus, private cars will be used.

Eve Posada reported that the Finance Committee suggests that the present fee policy be changed to \$100, at registration and \$50. by October 1. So moved. Passed unanimously.

Eve also presented a draft of Policies and Procedures Regarding Membership which will be discussed next time.

It was urged that people volunteer to help Karen. There will be a request in the Newsletter

Lee Snook reported for the Meetings Committee that Betty Conway and Louise Whittier have joined the committee to replace the two resigned members. The winter membership meeting will be on Dec. 16 at 10:30 at the Red Barn followed by a pot-luck luncheon.

Ben Bowditch reported for the Membership Committee. Our present membership is 141. The Committee plans to phone all those members who joined in the last two years to ask why they joined and, if they've left, why they left. It was decided to keep inactive people on the mailing list for 3 years and use post card follow-ups.

Jackie Wisneski, Newsletter Chair, reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is Nov. 15. The following one will be in January.

Mary Egginton, Publicity Chair, plans a news release on our spring program in mid-December and another on the January program towards the end of December.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S Rollason

Grace S. Rollason, Secretary.