

February 9, 1995 - Council Meeting, Learning in Retirement

Present: Reid, Keating, Navon, Bob Grose, Lieson, Unger, Quint, T. Belsky, Dolloff, Wisneski.

The minutes of the January 5th meeting were approved.

There was no Treasurer's Report as Eve was ill and no report from the Finance Chair.

Curriculum Committee Report - David Navon reported that there were 122 registrants in Spring Seminars with Immigrants & Immigration the only lotteried seminar. He also reported that Karen had mailed letters to those members who had not registered and she received replies from all but 4 people. We now have 12 new members and a total membership of 148. He noted that on March 2nd there will be a reception for the Spring semester moderators at the Field House. Mention was made of Doris Guillemette's proposal to teach language courses, using Berlitz tapes and texts.

Special Events Chair - Ted Belsky reported that 3 major special events are planned for spring:

(1) The Great Decisions program - Coordinated by Laura Schilling is scheduled as follows:

Friday, March 10 - China, Taiwan & Hong Kong. Moderator, Richard Belsky

March 17 - Russia & Its Neighbors. Moderator, Mark Hagopian

March 24 - Immigration. Moderators, Ann & Bob Grose

March 31 - Nuclear Proliferation. Moderator, Prof. Vincent Ferraro of Mt. Holyoke College

Two cassettes comprising 8 tapes were purchased from the Foreign Policy Association but only 4 of the 8 will be used for Great Decisions. The remaining tapes are available for use in seminars. Moderators will be paid \$60 with the exception of the Groses. Participants will pay \$15 for all 4 sessions - lunch at \$8.50 is extra. The text will cost \$11.00.

(2) A bus trip to Ellis Island is scheduled for Thursday, March 30th and is open to all LIR members (plus invited guests) on a first come basis. The trip will cost \$25 for the bus plus \$5.00 for the ferry.

Council unanimously endorsed the trip and the financial arrangements as reported.

(3) A members' Art Show will be held at the Lathrop Community from April 6 to 26th with the opening reception on Saturday, April 8th. Jean Unger and Paul Rothery are responsible for the arrangements.

Publicity Chair Mary Egginton reported on plans for coordinating the theme of A Summer of Earthly Delights with the regular summer offerings. Five events will be scheduled centered around the themes of conservation, nature and the environment.

Anne Keppler and Mary will head up this committee while a second committee will plan the regular 7 or 8 summer offerings. There will be a kick-off wine and cheese reception on June 3rd at the Red Barn.

Curriculum Chair Harley Unger stated that at the Annual Meeting scheduled for May 13th at the Red Barn, information on the Summer Program will be ready for distribution to members. He also stated that the Curriculum Committee needs more members and called attention to the tear-off at the bottom of the Agenda for the afternoon's membership meeting.

The proposal was unanimously accepted by Council with the suggestion that the Curriculum and Special Events Committees also serve on the Summer Program Planning Committee.

Membership Chair Priscilla Dolloff reiterated the enrollment figures presented above.

Newsletter Chair Jackie Wisneski displayed the new masthead for the Newsletter developed by Christine Hanson and Suzan Young of Five College, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

President Reid discussed the appointment of a Chair for the Nominating Committee and said that the By-Laws state that the Chair shall be chosen by Council and further, that at the annual meeting the Committee shall present the slate of officers and request further nominations from the floor. Following this meeting the Ballot (secret) is mailed out to the membership with a return date requested.

Pat Keating moved and it was seconded and unanimously voted that Ellie Quint be appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee. Council members then suggested that the following be approached to see if they would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee (committee has 5 members): Mary Egginton, Jerry Braunthal, Ed Buck, Jane Sherman, Laura Simon, Jean Holden, Priscilla Dolloff and Maureen Lippincott. Ellie will contact these people to see who is willing to serve on the Committee. Council will vote on the composition of the Committee at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25.

Jackie Wisneski
Secretary pro tem

Note concerning NEW BUSINESS above: Ellie Quint and I recall Council action somewhat different than that reported in paragraph #2 of the NEW BUSINESS section. We suggest that the sentence beginning "Ellie will contact these people...." should be revised. A substitute sentence might read: "Members of Council will be responsible for ascertaining who would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee."

This reminds me that no clear procedure for selecting Nominating Committee members was set up. This omission will receive priority attention at our March 9 meeting.