

April 13, 1995 - Council Meeting, Learning in Retirement.

Present: Reid, Unger, Posada, Lehman, Barondes, Braunthal, Quint, Rapoport, A. Grose, T. Belsky, Navon, Dolloff, Egginton, Manville, Wisneski.

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The March 9 minutes were corrected to read, under b) of the Finance committee report: "the question of charges to non-members attending events open to the public is to be reviewed next year".

The Treasurer's report: Eve reported we are in good shape with \$20,795 in membership dues in hand.

The President's report: Eleanor noted a number of successful events during the past month: the Great Decisions series, the Ellis Island trip, the Art Show opening, a new masthead for the newsletter (which also had good write-ups on our winter programs), and satisfaction with the spring seminars.

The lottery for candidates for the nominating committee led to the following members: Lora Simon, Mary Egginton, Priscilla Dolloff, and Jane Sherman. Gerry Braunthal is the alternate. Ellie, chair of the committee, reported two good candidates for vice-president. They will be introduced at the May 13 meeting, along with candidates for the other Council offices. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Eleanor emphasized the importance of having the names of candidates in advance of the general meeting. Ellie moved, and Harley seconded, a motion that the full membership be notified of the nominating committee's candidates via a mailing the week of April 20. Approved by Council.

Eleanor said her recent meeting with Jean Stabell indicated that Five Colleges continue to be pleased with the LIR program. No problems have arisen; but Eleanor stressed the need for the committees always to connect their proposed activities to what it will cost.

Jim Verscheuren has resigned as EIN director to join the Elderhostel staff in Boston; Mary Linehan will replace him. Suzanne, as secretary, agreed to receive communications from EIN.

Council members voiced concern about reliable and consistent office support this summer, especially with the expanded summer program. After discussion, David moved, and Gerry seconded the motion, that we authorize at least 4 hours a week at a reasonable wage. Council approved, with the understanding that Eleanor will implement this and that we will add more hours, if needed, to get the job done properly.

Who elects committee chairs, the "old" or "new" committee? We agreed to let each committee decide that for itself.

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Karen will be in the office through June 23. All expenses should be submitted promptly so they can be paid for by the end of the fiscal year.

The Vice-president's report: Harley said plans for summer programs look good. He anticipates expenses of from \$900 to \$1,000.

Newsletter committee: Jackie said the deadline for the June issue is May 15. In response to her question, Council members urged her to continue using seminar write-ups in the newsletter.

Publicity committee: Mary said publicity for summer programs has appeared in the Five College Calendar and the Hampshire Life calendar; also a small notice in the Gazette. Post-cards will soon be mailed for the opening event of "Earthly Delights".

Curriculum committee: David reported that 13 seminars have been accepted for the fall, and more are expected. A new committee chair will be elected May 4.

Membership committee: Priscilla needs volunteers for the membership committee. She will supervise the May 15 mailing of summer program notices.

Finance committee: Eve would like a new accounting system which will provide more detail and specificity for each LIR program and its expenses. She feels this will lay the groundwork for better-informed financial decisions.

Gladys urged the use of memorial funds for programs specifically memorializing the person being honored. She asked if these funds could be isolated in an interest-bearing account.

Special Events committee: Ted reported excellent member participation in recent special events. So much so, the committee is \$700 in the black and may return some to the general fund (or the committee could use this as the start of next year's budget). Individual events should pay for themselves.

Next Council meeting: May 11, 1:30 p.m., at Five Colleges, Inc.

Suzanne Lehman, secretary