

5 College L I R Council  
Minutes, Meeting of 11/14/96 at the 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, Beal, L. & T Belsky, Bowditch, Egginton, J. Glickman, R. & A. Grose, Lehman, Melrose, Navon, E. Posada, Reid, G. Rollason, Sherman, D. Snoek, L. Snook, H. Unger, and Wisneski

Meeting was called to order by the President, David Navon, at 1:30 P.M..

Corrections to the minutes of 10/10/96.

Jack Glickman indicated that Muriel Goulding is not a member of the Winter Program Committee.

Eve Posada indicated that awards from the Donor's Fund this year did not go to the same recipients as last year. She further suggested that the statement about Karen's salary should indicate that Karen was to receive an automatic 4% increase each year "over and above" her salary increase as of 9/1/96.

Minutes with corrections approved.

Jean Stabell indicated in her conversation with David Navon that salaries are administrated through 5 Colleges, Inc., and we should not give Karen a bonus. We have given the coordinator a dozen roses or a basket of fruit each holiday season. Karen should also feel free to close the office for special things such as the winter program.

It might be wise to purchase a new office computer next year.

Next Council Meeting will be Dec. 12, '96.

Lora Simon is in Elaine Health and Rehabilitation Center- Tel 584-5047.

Karen has suggested that gifts should be given to the people who help her with scheduling at each of the 5 Colleges.

The PA System microphone battery had to be replaced. Karen will attach instructions for the use of the equipment. A separate PA system would cost \$400. - \$600..

T. Belsky suggested that we not sponsor a Great Decisions series this year because it overlaps with the EIN Regional Conference. Following discussion this was approved.

The question of conflicts arose between the EIN Conference and our seminars. Suzanne Lehman will consult.

Question: can Karen schedule seminars on Fri. mornings? This would conflict with 2 Special Events trips on Fri. - one to Lowell, MA and one to Old Lyme, CT and could conflict with the proposed coffee hours.

The General Meeting will be on Dec. 14.

Question: Can our funds be deposited in interest-bearing accounts? Eve will consult.

Memorial Funds Committee (Members: Reid, B. -White, R. Grose, and, of counsel, Beal)

Bob Grose presented the Committee's report (copy attached). It was agreed that "Margaret MacDonnell" be eliminated from the Fund name.

Moved Under "III Annual Event" to eliminate the words "when possible." Motion defeated

Moved that the report be accepted. Passed

Bylaws Committee (Beal, R. Grose, Quint, Reid, & H. Unger.) Bob Grose presented Proposed Revisions of the Bylaws (attached)

Moved that the revisions be approved in substance. Passed with 13 in favor and 1 abstention.

The proposed revisions will be voted upon at the 12/14 General Meeting.

EIN Conference

Proposals for programs have been made by T. Belsky, W. Gibson, Senders, and H. Unger.

35 LIRs have been phoned; EIN paid the tolls. 19 of our members have volunteered to help.

The schedule: Sunday: 2-2:30 Volunteer training, 4-6 Registration and Reception followed by dinner, speakers, and musical entertainment. Monday: Breakfast, 2 morning sessions, lunch, an afternoon seminar, and Dine Out at local restaurants. Tuesday: breakfast, 2 seminars, lunch and farewell. The fee for our members will be approximately \$110.. Information will be in the Newsletter. Expected attendance is 150 - 170.

Continuum Review There have been no entries.

A L P (The Hartford Group) Bob Grose and Pat Keating attended their 10/18/96 meeting. Bob reported there are 9 programs - 5 at Community Colleges, 2 at private colleges, and 2 consortia. Five are administered through Continuing Ed.. Some are participatory; most used college lecturers; many were much less expensive than ours; some are hands-on craft groups. Norwalk has 500 members. There are varying degrees of payback to the institutions in the form of cash, counselling., a dinner for college helpers and teaching such things as canoeing.

Some questions of mutual interest that were raised: how to deal with members in declining health, how to mesh programs with the community, how much insurance should be carried to cover meeting places, transportation, etc.. (Our bus transportation is fully covered but inquiry should be made about coverage by the Colleges when we're on campus. EIN should be apprised of insurance concerns.)

Council on Aging Regional Meeting, Lenox, MA, 10/7/96. Eleanor Reid was a panelist on LIRs in the region. She will write a report for Council.

Membership Committee Our membership cards are being redesigned.

Curriculum Committee The revised list of seminars this spring is as follows: 1) Gypsies - I. Holden, 2) Workers and the U.S. Labor Movement - Braunthal and Friedman 3) The Art of Biography - D. Snoek, 4) W W II - W. Gibson, 5) Enjoying the Play III - the Freedmans, 6) Reading the Masters; Willa Cather - C. Pitoniak, 7) Watercolor - Suffrin, 8) Extremism Left & Right - Dill & A. Johnson, 9) Emily Dickinson - Armstrong, 10) Chamber Music - B. Snoek and Navon, 11) All About Wine - Craighill, 12) The Big Bands - Melrose, 13) Autobiography - B. White & R. Bridgens, 14) Portrait of America, 1800-1833 - N. Winston, 15) American History IV - Bowditch, 16) Creative Writing - Hooke, 17) Eastern Religions - Silverman, 18) Immigrants & Immigration- B. & A. Grose, and, if needed, 19) Challenge of Educational Reform - T. Belsky.

Winter Events Committee - The Winter Series will consist of the following (the first 4 on Wednesday from 10 - 12; the first 3 in Stirn Auditorium at Amherst College): 1) 1/8 Vacca - American and West African Music, 2) 1/15 Peterson - Music in South India, 3) 1/22 Barry Keating - Composer and Lyricist, 4) 1/29 Nigel Cox, pianist, (location undetermined) 5) 2/6 Kallick & Rabinowitz - Opera (A C: CC, 2 - 4 P.M.)

Finance Committee No treasurer's report, computer was down

Special Events Twenty enjoyed a successful trip to Hartford. The Worcester trip will be Friday, 12/6. There have been requests for Special Events beyond the Committee's mandate. This should be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Newsletter Jackie's new address is 6 Cranberry Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027. There will be a notice in the Newsletter requesting manuscripts for the Continuum Review. Deadline for the newsletter is now.

Meetings Committee There will be a planning meeting on 11/22 for the General Membership Meeting on 12/14.

Membership Committee We can expect as many as 20 additional members between fall and spring. The scheduling of increasing numbers of seminars is of some concern because some possible meeting places require too much walking. David will work with Karen on scheduling; moderators will be asked to make necessary arrangements, and at the General Meeting we might ask for volunteers for shuttle service.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grace S Rollason*

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