

5 College L I R Council  
Minutes: meeting of 4/11/96 at 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, Bowditch, Braunthal, Egginton, P. Keating, Lehman, Navon, E. Posada, Reid, G. Rollason, Sherman, Schilling, G. Snook, H. Unger, and Wisneski

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 by the President, Harley Unger.

Corrections to the minutes of 3/14/96:

The secretary, covered with shame, noted the omission of the date, May 23, for the Spring General Membership Meeting.

Eve Posada indicated that her statement at the 3/14 meeting that the amount shown for dues and salary would each be "raised by \$100." might better have been that "they would both be adjusted."

Those items having been noted the minutes were approved.

Harley indicated that the Fall Curriculum was nearly complete and that the Summer Program is progressing.

The invitation to the May 23 Membership meeting will be mailed on May 2. That mailing will also contain 1) an invitation for the members to volunteer to serve on committees, 2) the report of the Nominating Committee, and 3) at least a partial listing of Summer events.

At the May 23rd meeting a packet will be distributed containing 1) a catalogue of the Fall Seminars, 2) a registration form, 3) a membership renewal form on the back of which will be a Member Interest Survey, and 4) a copy of the Financial Policy Statement which was approved by Council. After the meeting the packet will be mailed to those members who did not attend. Mid-May is the deadline for materials in this packet.

The final ballot including nominations from the floor at the May 23 meeting will constitute a third mailing to the membership.

The Nominating Committee consists of Reid, chair, Sherman, Rothenberg, B. Snoek, Beatty, and Keppler. On behalf of the Nominating Committee Eleanor Reid thanked our President for the great job he's done as a consensus-builder. All hands agreed enthusiastically.

The By-laws Review Committee, Bob Grose, chair, Beal, Unger, Quint, and Wisneski, will have its first meeting tomorrow. In the May Newsletter they will invite written suggestions for changes of the By-laws.

Harley has heard nothing from EIN. He will write to Judy Muller indicating that there is a deadline for renting space for the Spring '97 Regional Meeting. Harley has also had no word from ILR. Presumably their meeting will be held during the last week of April.

David Navon announced that 1) the Council will not meet in July or August of '96, 2) Seminars will begin the week of Oct. 7. He also asked that all Committees report their meeting dates to Karen and to the President.

Curriculum Committee: Suzanne Lehman reported that at last week's Curriculum Committee meeting 10 or 11 seminars were approved. She expects that we may end up with 16 seminars. The seminars cover a broad range of topics. Unfortunately there is nothing on music. It has been recommended that afternoon seminar times be changed to 1:30 to 3:30 whenever space is available at that time. Pat Keating so Moved. Approved without dissent. Suzanne distributed a draft of the Committee's Interests Survey. Suggestions: 1) add an additional "Comments" category, 2) indicate that proposed seminars may be repeats and ask who would be interested in a lecture course.

Discussion of honoraria ensued. Curriculum Committee will make policy and procedural recommendations to the Finance Committee. Financy Committee after gathering information on past

policy will report to the Council. (Secretary's post-meeting thought, "Should there not also be input from the Memorial Fund Committee that was appointed in December?")

Summer Program Committee. Eleanor Reid presented the following tentative schedule:

- 6/4 or 6/6 Writing workshop with Pat Schneider.
- 6/11 or 6/13 Lecture by G. Snook and trip to Springfield Armory.
- 6/21 Play at the Mount and visit to Berkshire Garden Center.
- 6/27 or 28 or 29 Preview of the plays to be performed at Miniature Theater of Chester.
- 7/9 or 7/11 Ted Belsky on South Hadley Falls Canal.
- 7/16 or 7/18 AquaFuture in Turners Falls - arranged by David Dill.
- 7/23 or 7/25 Northampton Architecture - James Parsons.
- 7/30 or 8/1 The Internet - Victoria White
- 8/6 or 8/8 Peace Pagoda - Madge Ertel
- 8/13 or 8/15 Musical Program - Doug Johnson (Trinity College)
- 8/20 or 8/22 Play reading - Marjorie Campbell
- Week of 8/27 Northfield Mountain Nature Cruise.

The Committee is open to suggestions. Should the summer program begin with a big event as last year?

Eleanor will work out logistics for going to Tanglewood rehearsals on Saturday mornings. Probably one person will take call for cars going and passengers wanting to go. Passengers will be asked to contribute \$5.00 towards gas. We can probably provide a list of summer musical events in the 5 College area, but taking ticket orders has not worked out.

Pat Keating asked that checks for the plays in Chester be made payable to "The Miniature Theatre of Chester." At this time the plays to be presented have not been finalized.

Special Events. Laura Schilling reported that Great Decisions is going well. There is great enthusiasm for the paid moderators. 58 people signed up. Average attendance has been 49 with 27 - 28 staying for lunch. 28 have already signed up for the Metropolitan Museum trip on May 8. The trip to the Mount is scheduled for 6/21. There will be a tour of the Mount at 1:30 and a play preview at 3:00 at a cost of \$17.50 per person (includes a 10% discount). Some people may want to bring a picnic lunch which they can enjoy at the Berkshire Garden Center in advance of the visit to the Mount.

At this point (3:00 o'clock) the secretary had to leave. Thus endeth her minutes.

Respectfully submitted

*Grace S. Rollason*

Grace S. Rollason, Secretary

Jackie Wisneski very graciously took over as secretary pro tem.

Special Events - Laura Schilling reported on bus trips which are being planned for the fall semester: a trip to a Political Museum in Hartford in connection with George Snook's seminar; and a trip to The Weir Farm National Historic Site in Branchville, CT in conjunction with Pat Keating's seminar on American Impressionists.

Finance Committee - Eve Posada stated that salaries and dues had not been reported in February by 5-College and that this month's figures are high because they reflect this fact. She also noted that the Finance Committee will conduct a background study on the policy presently used for financial disbursements for speakers and other expenses.

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~~She~~ also read a paper requesting permission to hold a Friday morning Coffee Hour at the Field House, beginning in September, to allow members to meet each other on a strictly

social basis. This will be supervised and planned under a special committee of the Membership Committee. Council voted unanimously that this should occur on a trial basis. ✓

Membership Committee - Ben Bowditch stated that his committee along with Karen will cull the mailing lists in order to cut down on unnecessary mailings. Jackie Wisneski cautioned them to keep at least 200 names on the list in order that we may qualify for the bulk mailing rate used by the Newsletter.

Publicity Committee - Mary Egginton announced that that day was the deadline for an announcement on the Summer Program to appear in the May issue of the 5-College Bulletin. She and Eleanor Reid were to write it up at the close of the meeting. Mary also announced she will be stepping down as Publicity Chair and further, that Ellen Weiss's impending move to New Hampshire leaves the committee void of members.

Harley requested that all Chairs of Committees report the number of vacancies on their committees which will occur in June to the May meeting of the Council

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.