

5 College L I R Council

Minutes: Meeting of 6/27/96 at Smith College Field House

Present: Barondes, Bowditch, Dolloff, Egginton, P. Keating, Lehman, Navon, E. Posada, Reid, G. Rollason, Sherman, Simon, G. Snook, and Wisneski.

The minutes of the 5/9/96 meeting, so ably written by Mary Egginton, were approved as presented.

Moved: that since Jack Glickman received the next highest number of votes for membership on the Council that he be invited to fill the vacancy of a 2-year term. Passed without dissent.

The Summer Program Committee consists of Dolloff and Reid, co-chairs, Dill, Ertel, B. Grose, P. Keating, Lehman, Melville, and G. Snook.

Priscilla Dolloff reported that attendance for the Springfield Armory trip was 15 of the 20 who signed up, 47 for the Mount, 49 for the Play Preview. Thirty (30) have signed up for the Writers Workshop, 57 for the South Hadley Canal, 53 for Northampton of Yesterday, 34 for the Peace Pagoda, 33 plus 2 on the wait list for Introduction to the Internet, 45 for the Italian Opera, 35 for Aquaculture, and 40 plus 1 on the wait list for Connecticut River Experience.

Florence Barondes suggested that as these summer and winter events become so popular members are in danger of being closed out. There should be a date before which only members may enroll and after which non-members may enroll.

Committee membership:

Publicity: Marcia Holden and Mary Egginton will be co-chairs.

Membership: Jack Glickman is stepping down. The committee needs a replacement.

Curriculum Committee should have no fewer than 15 members. Members who have served for 1 or 2 years and continue on the Committee are Lehman, Chair, Barondes, assistant chair, Bowditch, Craighill, Dill, Egginton, Guillumette, Quint, G. Snook, and M. White. Those who have volunteered to serve - Anderson, Armstrong, Freer, Hooke, PKeating, Lippincott, Melville and Porter - will draw straws to determine who will have 1-year and who a 3-year term so that terms can be staggered.

Harley reported on a meeting with Jean Stabell of 5 Colleges, Inc.. She likes the fact that we're hosting E I N. She vetoed our sending letters of thanks to the 5 College Presidents or complaining to Smith about bleachers in the driveway. We are part of 5 Colleges, Inc.; anything of that sort should come from 5 Colleges. She expects a year's notice of any changes that may occur in space available to us, etc..

Harley has been working with E I N Director Mary Linehan and her assistant, Judy Muller. E I N people will come early to train our people. Mary McCullough is the person at the University Conference Center with whom we're dealing. There will be a dinner at the Center Sunday night. Monday night dinner will be at local restaurants. We're responsible for entertainment Monday night. The Young At Heart Chorus which charges \$400. is one suggestion. E I N has a budget. The Conference fee for local L I R members is \$100..

Bylaw Review Committee Open Meeting 6/4/96. No non-committee members came. A few proposals were submitted by Eve Posada and 14 by Ginny Senders. The committee hopes to work on fewer than 10 proposals and will report its recommendations to Council.

Adult Learning Program in Hartford. Pat Keating and Bob Grose attended their regional meeting. Pat reported that 10 - 12 groups were represented including a group sponsored by Springfield College, our group, and Conn. groups. Membership fees range for \$10. to \$225. per year; they set no limit on numbers in a seminar, and have many more lecture courses. Some have paid directors. Most enjoy the use of college facilities and seem to have more direction by the sponsoring colleges than we. One has a computer course every Fri. afternoon. A L P will collect curricula from each group and will distribute them to each group. Our program appears to be on a higher intellectual plane than most of the others.

➤ Memorial Gifts Committee (B. Grose, Reid, & B. White) Reid moved for the Committee that the Vice President be responsible for administering the Memorial Fund in accordance with policies to be specified at a later date.

Navon recommends that motions from committees be submitted in advance in writing to the President.

➤ The motion was withdrawn to be presented later. Navon will ask Beal, the incoming V. Pres., to meet with the Committee. The Vice President would consult with donors.

Navon distributed a Tentative Schedule of 5 College L I R Meetings and Seminars for '96 - '97 (attached, with correction.) He expects to delegate a fair amount of responsibility to the V. Pres.. He will confer with Stabell about heightening L I R's relationship with the 5 colleges and will clear the Tentative Schedule with her. He will decide with consultation on meeting sites; Committees make their recommendations to Council.

Curriculum Committee. Lehman reported that 6 of our 15 fall seminars are closed; 42 spaces are open. 112 have paid dues.

Treasurer's Report. Eve distributed the Treasurer's Report. May postage item includes '94-'95 calendar mailings. June expenses will be shown in July. The operating surplus for the fiscal year will probably be around \$2,000. with total expenses of \$18,000..

In '95-'96 \$262.50 was awarded to those asking for help leaving a carry-over of \$152.50. From that carry-over plus \$295.00 in donations \$262.50 was again awarded leaving a new balance of \$185..

Eve presented a Proposal on Honoraria from the Finance Committee (see attached.)

Moved: that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted. Voted without dissent. Council then approved giving Doug Johnson an honorarium of \$150. for his all-day summer event on Italian Opera.

➤ Eve presented a Review of Policy Regarding "members only" Eligibility for Dues Reduction (attached) which proposes that non-members recommended by members also be eligible for financial help.

Moved that the Donors Fund provide help to members in special need who request assistance with dues, or members and others who are suggested by a member with the proviso that members be given first consideration. Passed without dissent.

Membership Committee Bowditch reported 113 paid-up members including ten new ones and 10 associates. He indicated that numbers have been climbing to approximately 146-147 each spring and questioned how large we should become.

Volunteers are covering the office. If there are questions, contact Anne Keppler.

Council thanked Priscilla and Eleanor for a wonderful summer program and Harley for a good year. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 and was followed by refreshments for outgoing and incoming Council members.

Respectfully submitted,

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