

5 College L I R Council  
Minutes, Meeting of 1/9/97 at the 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, T. Belsky, Bowditch, Egginton, J. Glickman, R. Grose, M. Holden, Lehman, Navon, E. Posada, G. Rollason, Sherman, D. Snoek, H. Unger, and Wisneski

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

Because of the illness of the secretary the minutes of the meeting of 12/12/96 were not available in advance of this meeting. Corrections, therefore, will be called for at the meeting of 2/13/97.

Navon reported on his meeting with Jean Stabell. We have liability insurance coverage as any other 5 College institution. We may invest \$10,000. of the LIR funds held in escrow by 5 Colleges, Inc. and collect any earnings. (Eve will investigate both matters.)

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Dues continue to come in.

EIN sent \$50. for reimbursement of long distance calls. Karen will distribute it.

Since Doris Tischkoff substituted for Tony Vacca at the last minute, David gave her an honorarium of \$150..

Membership Committee has discussed whether or not we should limit membership. We have 156 members, including 10 new members and 2 returning members. We may well add 4 more. We probably will have no problems with a membership of 175 - 200 except for general meetings. Some points raised: a) some think personal relationships are better fostered in a small group, b) if we had a cap on membership what would we do about former members who wanted to become active again, c) peer leadership is not possible with a large group, d) the size of seminars is now 14.9, e) the number of seminars per person is now 1.55. The committee was asked to present a proposal in writing at the May Council meeting.

Finance Committee has not met since Dec. 5. At that meeting they considered giving financial help on the basis of need to E I N volunteers who applied.

Points raised: a) we don't compensate other volunteers and therefore should not compensate E I N volunteers, b) applying on the basis of need is embarrassing, c) we should give to those who are necessary attendees.

Moved that we give David authority, after he has feedback from our Conference Working Group, to ask E I N what their financial policy is and how it can be changed. Passed, 9 in favor; 1 opposed.

Moved that the Finance Committee accept requests for reduction of E I N Conference registration fee with a cap of \$50. for those who express need and \$25. to those wanting to attend. Passed without dissent.

Special Events Committee has been asked by some members to plan some trips abroad. Some alternatives are available. Elderhostel offers a limited number of topics. Travel/Study for Adults offers a limited number of locations and is slightly more expensive than Elderhostel. Cosmos is reasonably priced and could put together a trip of our choice. The Committee will pursue the subject, explore 5 College liability, etc. and report next time.

Coffee Hour Committee

Moved to accept their report (attached). Passed without dissent. There will be a notice in the Newsletter of the first meeting with a tear-out. Post cards will be sent in advance. Car pooling will be discussed at the first meeting.

Curriculum Committee

123, including 10 new members and 2 returning members have registered for seminars. 37 members have not yet registered. Registration numbers are as follows:

5 closed seminars:

American History - 15  
Enjoying the Play - 18 (lotteried and waiting list of 7)  
Art of Biography - 16 (waiting list of 4)  
Chamber Music 18 (lotteried and waiting list of 2)  
Gypsies - 12

13 seminars with openings:

All about Wine - 4	W W II - 14
Autobiography - 7	Willa Cather - 12
Resurgance of Labor - 11	Creative Writing - 4
Eastern Religions - 11	Watercolors - 10
Women in W W II - 1	Extremism - 7
Big Bands - 16	Emily Dickinson - 10
Portrait of America - 14	

No seminars will be dropped at present.

Jack Glickman questioned the fairness of the lottery system. He will be invited to attend a Curriculum Committee meeting at which his suggestions will be discussed.

Summer Program

Co-chairs are J. Glickman, L. & T. Belsky, Wineski and J. Hanke. There are 24 volunteers who will be divided into groups chaired by the various co-chairs which will be responsible for various of the summer events.

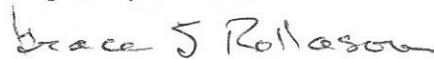
Newsletter - Deadline is 1/15/97. Wisneski will write the tribute to Al Bedell.

Meetings Committee, chaired by Lee Snook, was thanked for a good General Membership meeting.

Publicity - Notices of the winter program are in the newspapers and the 5 College Calendar. Spring seminars were erroneously listed in a newspaper as "free"; this has been corrected

Meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Rollason, Secretary