

5 College L I R Council
Minutes, Meeting of 3/13/97 at the 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, L. & T Belsky, Bowditch, Egginton, J. Glickman, A & R. Grose, M. Holden, Melrose, Navon, E. Posada, G. Rollason, Simon, G. Snook, H. Unger, and Wisneski.

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

Corrections to the Minutes of 2/13/97. The cost of the Plum Island trip should have been reported at the meeting as \$25., not as \$45.. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Announcements

Virginia Beal is resigning from the Vice Presidency for health reasons. Her resignation was accepted with great reluctance and best wishes.

Since Paul Rothery was runner-up for Vice President in the 1996 elections, it was moved that he be invited to serve as interim V. P. until 6/30/97, and that, if he chooses to run for President in the '97 election, the nominating committee will consider him. Accepted without dissent.

David will ask Eleanor Reid to chair the Nominating Committee.

David will be away from 3/14/97 - 3/29/97

Summer help is available from the Financial Aid office of Smith College at \$7./hr. Moved that we hire someone from 9 - 11 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Passed without dissent. A notice will be posted on March 23 on the Bulletin Board in the Smith College Summer Job Office.

Office Relocation

D. Snock reported that the S. C. Athletic Dept. wants our office space so we'll have to move.

T. Belsky is on a committee to investigate the fate of the Sycamore House, an historic building in So. Hadley owned by Mt. Holyoke College. There are four major rooms 17' X 14' on each floor. It would be wonderful space for us. However, the College will probably not spend the necessary money to make it usable. If we could use space in the building, we'd probably have to pay a monthly fee. Ted will seek more information.

B. Grose indicated that there is a college "bartering system" and that we should speak to Jean Stabell and Lorna Peterson about office space.

Smith College will offer us 1 or 2 alternate locations, but parking is very bad at Smith. Karen has written to Jean Stabell asking when she may look at possible locations. Karen would rather relocate at Hampshire Collete but would relocate in So. Hadley if necessary.

E I N Conference

Harley will try to be prepared to fill in last minute gaps.

EIN handles most of the publicity. We will work on getting as much local publicity as possible.

Ann reported that all of the rooms we booked at the U Mass Campus Center have been taken. She has booked 20 additional rooms at Howard Johnsons' and will book 20 more. Eleven of the 22 volunteers have returned their questionnaires. There will be ribbons on volunteer name tags. Judy Muller will be here next Wed.

General Meeting will be Thurs., May 22. Lora announced that we need more serving pieces and was advised to get what was needed. She also wondered if we should continue to use disposable plastic table ware or switch to stainless steel

Moved that we buy disposable knives, forks and spoons. Passed without dissent.

Special Events Abroad

Ted has word from Judy Muller that Dartmouth, N. H. is investigating chartering trips with Elderhostel. Elderhostel is experimenting, has 3 pages of destinations, wants a trip put together a year in

advance, and suggests a seminar for preparation. Ted suggested that we look at the Elderhostel list of destinations and try to reach a concensus.

Hearing Aids

Mary Egginton reported on B. Snoek's research at Clarke School.

1. Loud speaker is good for large groups. Jay Melrose thinks we need a stronger P A system.
2. In a seminar type of situation a microphone with a movable amplifier on the table or head phones would be useful. Mary will see if she can borrow such from Clarke.

Jay will devise a questionnaire for the membership to ascertain whether there is need for more amplification than we presently have.

Ann questioned whether seminars could be open to auditors such as a friend of hers who was losing her eyesight. The consensus seemed to be that this should be possible in special cases.

Listing motions of Council & Curriculum Committee.

Karen will go through 5 years of minutes; she's done 1 year.

Membership Committee. Ben will go to the EIN Conference.

Coping with our increase in membership. U Mass might be able to provide seminar space in Memorial Hall and the Mullins Center. The only objection we've had about providing seminar space has come from the U Mass Faculty Club because of parking problems. We may have to limit seminars to participants and may have to limit the number of seminars a member may sign up for. We might have additional seminars in early morning and late afternoon.

The policy goal should be stated by the Membership Committee.

Finance Committee

On both the 1/31/97 and the 2/28/97 Treasurer's reports dues should be \$285. higher than shown. Total income has increased considerably since Feb. '96.

Salaries are up as are almost all other expenses. The summer program is self-financing; \$400. has been budgeted for it.

At the advice of the Treasurer it was :

Moved to rescind the motion of 2/13/97 which made \$25. awards from the General Fund to members who registered for the EIN Conference and to take that money instead from the Memorial Fund.

Passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Summer / Winter Program Committee: L. & T Belsky, J. Hanke, J. Wisneski, and J. Glickman, Chair.

Last winter there were five events for each of which we gave a \$100 honorarium.

So far there are 9 summer events confirmed with three more that will be confirmed by April 15.

There will be a program by Horace Boyer, one by Joseph Langland and Steve Schoenberg, one by Michael Cohen, the potter, etc.. A slight problem exists since only \$400. is budgeted and \$550. has been committed.

Moved that a short fall for the winter and summer program can appropriately come from the Memorial fund. Passed without dissent.

The suggestion was made that the Summer/ Winter budget be increased next year.

David will speak to Jean Stabell about Karen's looking at possible new locations and about a possible cap on the number of members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S Rollason

Grace S. Rollason, Secretary.