

Five College LIR Council  
Minutes of the meeting of December 10, 1998  
Five Colleges, Inc.

Present were Peg Bedell, Chuck Gillies, Bob Grose, Marcia Holden, Thelma Isaacs, Amy Johnson, Pat Keating, Anne Keppler, David Moriarty, Eleanor Reid, Paul Rothery, Jane Sherman, Marcia Silverman, Barbara Snoek, Diedrick Snoek, Charlotte Winston, Jackie Wisneski and Naomi Yanis.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Diedrick Snoek, who asked for approval of the minutes of the November meeting. They were approved as received.

II. Diedrick announced that Barbara had persuaded Mr. Brooks to let them have goodies in the Visitors Center for the final meeting of her seminar! He also gave us Karen's E-mail address at the office: KTatro@Jessie.smith.edu. He mentioned the question of participating in the EIN national conference next summer, and said that we can consider this later.

III. Treasurer Charlotte Winston distributed the year-to-date report, and her year-end report in the new format worked out by Grace Makepeace and Harley Unger. It was applauded as being much easier to read and understand. It separates information on operating income and expenses from that on the Memorial, Donors, Special Events and Reserve funds. Bob Grose noted that we have built up almost a year's expenses in the Reserve, but we are no longer adding to that amount. Although growing membership is bringing in more dues, expenses are at least keeping up with that increase. Paul suggested that we watch the totals, and consider later the possibility of an increase in dues.

IV. a. *Curriculum*: Eleanor said that Marjorie Kaufman agreed to be a presenter in the Encore Presentations, which was excellent news. Proposals for the spring term were abundant, in addition to the ten planned Encore programs. She is seeking a new chair for the committee, and specifies that typing will not be required, although she preferred to do her own. The spring catalogue will be distributed at Saturday's membership meeting. There is a revised registration form, which should help members make their priority choices clear.

Naomi presented plans for the Encore Presentations, and said there would be a sheet about them at the meeting on Saturday, with a detailed program in the January Newsletter. She asked if there were a budget for the "social break". Eleanor suggested that we have a basket for contributions towards coffee, and Pat proposed teams of volunteers to bring nibbles and set up the coffee service. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the membership meeting, and volunteers asked to put their names down for specific dates.

c. *Special Events*: Thelma and Marcia report that they have had no requests from moderators to help plan trips, but they would welcome ideas. Members of the Council suggested a trip to the Springfield Quadrangle and to Boston for the Mary Cassatt show, and Diedrick said that the committee might propose trips, to art and other museums or to theater events, especially in the local area.

Questions were raised about the Great Decisions program, in view of our full spring schedule. It was proposed that we not offer it this year, but this was narrowly defeated. A proposal that it be offered if the Special Events Committee can organize it was approved.

We have 21 members signed up for the trip to Spain, and need 28 in order to restrict it to ourselves and friends. Another announcement will be made at the membership meeting.

b. *January and Summer Programs*: Paul went over January plans and said they would distribute the program at the membership meeting. They'll present plans for the summer at the next meeting of Council.

d. *Membership*: David's committee is working on a new brochure.

e. *Meetings:* It was suggested that Karen request Hampshire's PA system for the meeting on Saturday. Kathy and Al Johnson will take over as co-chairs after this meeting, but both Lora and Lee will remain on the committee. They were thanked for the fine job they have done.

f. *Newsletter:* Jackie said that the next deadline is January 15 for the Newsletter due out at the end of the month. It will be a big issue, with all the fall seminar reports and the calendar for the Encore Presentations program. There was applause for the great job she does with the Newsletter.

g. *Publicity:* Peg Bedell will get a news release out on Monday about the three January events open to the public, as well as the spring seminars and the decennial program.

V. The Space Committee is concerned with maintaining adequate seminar space on the five campuses in view of the steady increase in membership. We should look at our relationship with the Five College office as well, and perhaps develop a statement of understanding before Jean Stabell leaves. Pat reminded us that we should first say "thank you", and ask what *we* can do for the *colleges*. Thelma wondered if there were a way to invite students to some of our seminars. Diedrick asked about offering assistance to pre- and post-retirees in the area. We could let the colleges know that they can count us as their contribution to elders.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Thursday, January 14th.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary

Brief notes on the Membership Meeting on Saturday, December 12th -

Diedrick thanked the volunteers who do so much of the work of our LIR, and announced that Smith College, and therefore our office, would be closed from December 24 to January 6.

We were asked to save the date of April 15th for our celebratory decennial banquet.

We need to think about dealing with the reconstruction of the Coolidge Bridge, perhaps to do more carpooling, and maybe to use the Holyoke bridge for seminars at Mount Holyoke.

The next membership meeting will be on May 14th.

Ted Belsky made some announcements about the trip to Spain, and the January and spring "pre-sessions", and urged members to see if we could interest 7 more people in the trip.

Paul described the four January programs, and mentioned the registration sheet for the cooking demonstration.

Eleanor introduced the moderators individually, and then introduced Naomi who talked about the Encore Presentations. Eleanor also talked about registration and withdrawal procedures.

Diedrick recognized Lora and Lee for their leadership of the Meetings Committee over the last several years, and announced that Kathy and Al were taking over as co-chairs. Then he thanked Karen for all her help and services to members, and presented her with a holiday gift.

Anne Keppler