

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of 3/12/98
Five Colleges, Inc.

Present were Laura and Ted Belsky, Ben Bowditch, Mary Egginton, Jack Glickman, Ann and Bob Grose, Marcia Holden, Anne Keppler, Jay Melrose, David Navon, Eleanor Reid, Paul Rothery, Jane Sherman, Lora Simon, Barbara and Diedrick Snoek, and George Snook.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Bob Grose, and the minutes of the February 12th meeting were approved.

II. Charlotte's report of February and year-to-date information was distributed by Bob Grose. He noted that use of the copy machine was increasing, and that some guidelines might be needed. Seminar members sometimes are asked to cover the cost of commercial copies of material for general use - libretti, etc.. In discussion, we learned that there had been an earlier, unsuccessful, effort to limit copying for a seminar to 200 pages, and heard suggestions that we try again. A proposal was approved to limit copying on the office machine to 200 sheets per seminar, with any excess to be covered by a charge to participants. The manual for members should request that members do their own copying, or, if Karen's help is needed, that they allow more than 24 hours for the work

III a. *Curriculum*: Eleanor reported that the committee had a fruitful discussion with the moderators on the use of audio-visual material, and this will be written up for a column in the Newsletter which they hope to include as a regular feature.

Three new proposals for fall seminars have been received, and one to repeat the watercolor seminar, but no "shadow" proposals yet. Suggestions for topics that members would like to study, though not to lead, could spark the interest of potential moderators. The deadline for receipt of proposals is the end of April, and the committee will approach individual members who may be willing to become moderators.

c. *Summer and Winter Programs*: Jack said that a printout of the summer programs will be ready for next month's Council meeting.

d. *Special Events*: Ted reported that plans for the special Workshop on Aging are complete. Registration forms were distributed within the past week, and they are hoping for a good response.

The Great Decisions program has 55 people registered, of whom about 20 are not LIR members. Karen has taken care of all the details, and her help is much appreciated.

A foreign travel survey has been mailed to members, and the committee is awaiting replies on the options proposed for a trip in the spring of 1999. There is a deadline of March 25 for member votes on the destination, and Elderhostel has to have a firm commitment by the end of May. They require a minimum number, but we can ask another group to join us if too few members and friends in our LIR sign up.

Ted noted that the Irish Theater seminar had considered a trip to see a new Irish troupe in New York, but decided it was unrealistic.

e. *Membership*: Ben reported that we have 169 paid-up members, and about 25 Associates. The total is 10 more than last year at this time, and includes 38 new members.

He noted that there has been some unhappiness over what is seen as preferential assignment of space. He would like to discuss how assignment is made, and whether we might do better. Bob agreed to put it on the agenda for the next Council meeting. The issue of facilities at the University is still open, as well.

f. *Newsletter:* Jackie's deadline is March 15th for the issue which will come out in late March.

Publicity: Mary said that the Gazette had given us a good notice about the Conversations over Coffee, and might send someone to cover the upcoming session.

g. *Meetings:* The date of May 21 for our next general meeting was literally the only one available, according to Jane Sherman. The September and December dates are confirmed for the Red Barn at Hampshire College.

IV. a. Bob announced that we need a committee to nominate candidates for President-Elect, to see if the Secretary and Treasurer are willing to continue in their positions, to arrange the listing of candidates for Council, and to appoint tellers for the counting of ballots. A chairman, who must be a Council member, and four others should be named, and David Navon kindly agreed to chair. The names of Jackie Wisneski, Jonathan Hanke, Pat Keating, George Snook, Suzanne Lehman and Naomi Yannis were proposed, and Bob will appoint from that list.

b. David Navon reported that his inquiries into copyright law indicate that "fair use is at best a murky doctrine", and he feels that we should be very careful about copying material on any substantial scale. The bottom line seems to be that educational institutions have more liberal restrictions, except on occasions when the public is included. (Karen has a copy of David's report.) It was proposed that the manual include a guideline on assurance of attribution of sources and notice of copyright, and this was agreed to by consensus.

c. Diedrick and Harley have consulted people from the Five Colleges and from Smith in preparing their recommendations for replacement computer hard- and soft-ware and training for Karen. Their proposals (attached hereto) were approved, including tutorial training.

Diedrick noted that a good deal of information will have to be entered manually, although everything currently in our machine can be loaded on the new one. Our summer office substitute can be asked to do data entry, which would greatly assist Karen. We might even be able eventually to transmit financial information directly to the Five College office. Smith will provide backup support and an E-mail address.

e. Eleanor asked that we each continue to encourage proposals for fall seminars.

f. The Conversation over Coffee on Humor drew more than 50 people, and there was a well-received proposal that this be made an annual February event. Barbara suggests that a budget be established for the Conversations, and assured us that the one next week will be upbeat, and deal with successful strategies for coping with family situations. The program for April 16th has been renamed "Additional Approaches to Healthcare", rather than "Alternative".

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Thursday, April 9.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary