

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of April 9, 1998
Five Colleges, Inc.

Present were Laura and Ted Belsky, Ben Bowditch, Jack Glickman, Anne Keppler, David Navon, Eleanor Reid, Paul Rothery, Jane Sherman, Barbara and Diedrick Snoek, George Snook, and Jackie Wisneski.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Vice President Diedrick Snoek, and the minutes of the March 12th meeting were approved with two corrections.

II. The Treasurer's report of March and year-to-date information was distributed in Charlotte's absence. The Vice President announced that Smith has given us a used computer that will meet our needs for some time. It is an IBM-compatible, 486, with Windows and a modem, and we have purchased a printer and software. Smith will load our software and give us an E-mail address, and will put us on their service schedule. We will hire a trainer for Karen, to help her get acquainted with the new equipment and capabilities.

III c. *Summer and Winter Programs*: Jack provided copies of the excellent summer program, and went over it with us. The full printed program will be ready for the General Meeting.

f. *Membership*: Ben said that statistics are the same as reported last month. He noted the continuing difficulty in satisfying all moderators as to time and place for seminars, and suggested that it might be a matter for the Curriculum Committee.

a. *Curriculum*: Eleanor distributed a tentative list of seminars for the fall, calling attention to the increased number. It is likely that we will have 18 seminars, including one to be moderated by the "shadow" who suggested it. Diedrick offered thanks to the Committee, and urged that ideas for possible seminars be considered in current seminar conversations.

Karen's early start on scheduling may encourage moderators to get involved, and Eleanor will discuss this with her. She agreed that Karen has a hard time dealing with the demands of some moderators for one specific time and place, and suggested that we ask them to say what times and places they *cannot* manage, rather than what they prefer. Diedrick agreed with this as a possible solution, and suggested further that he and Eleanor might make the toughest calls to moderators.

David Navon wants to try again for the Visitors' Center and/or Memorial Hall at the University. Parking may be available just across the street from the latter, and it is a good space. Also, a request has been made for at least two or three spaces in the Pratt lot at Mount Holyoke, which would reduce the walking distance for seminarists.

Ted was asked about a preparatory seminar for the trip abroad next spring, and reported that it will depend on how many sign up for the trip. If there are more than 15, it probably would be wise to have seminars in the fall and in the spring. If not, one in the spring would be enough.

d. *Special Events*: 2. Laura said that everyone had been pleased with the Great Decisions sessions. Willets Hollowell is a suitable venue, and Karen's assistance with details was much appreciated.

1. Ted reported that only 20 have registered for the Workshop on Aging, and 16 of those are LIR members. Registration has been extended in hopes of more registrants from the Highland Valley Elder Program. 5CLIR could cope with a \$100 shortfall, but shouldn't risk more than that.

3. Sixteen respondents selected Spain as their first choice for the trip abroad, and fourteen as their second choice. The figures for Turkey were fourteen first and five second. The other options had too few votes to be considered, but it looks as if we can make up a group without soliciting others to join us. Elderhostel is currently seeking agreement from leaders in both Spain and Turkey that they can handle an extra trip at the time we want. Costs should be less than \$3000 for a two-week trip to either location, and we should have all details by May 1.

b. *Finance:* Diedrick went over Charlotte's report, noting especially the interest on our Cash Reserve funds.

Jack asked about our policy on xeroxing and how moderators and members are informed of it. He proposed that the regular letter sent to moderators include information on the responsibility of all members for doing their own copying rather than expecting Karen to do it. It was reiterated that if a large amount of copying is needed, it can be done commercially and seminar members charged for it, just as if it were a book.

e. *Nominating:* David reported that his committee had successfully completed their work, and gave us the slate of officer candidates:

President	Diedrick Snoek
V.P./ Pres.Elect	Jonathan Hanke and Pat Keating
Treasurer	Charlotte Winston
Secretary	Anne Keppler

Eleanor Reid has agreed to continue as chair of the Curriculum Committee, and Paul Rothery and Barbara Snoek have taken on January/Summer Events. The Special Events Committee will choose its new chair.

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

Publicity: The Gazette wants to do an issue on Mature Living, and Barbara reported that they will send a reporter and photographer to the Opera Seminar.

h. *Meetings:* The General Meeting is all set for May 21st. The candidates for Council will be added to the list of officers, Bob Grose will ask for nominations from the floor, and complete ballots will be prepared and mailed out.

IV. a. Although there was little response to the question of interest in amplification equipment, Barbara believes that there is a need and the equipment should be purchased. She asked that informative material be available at our next meeting, and Diedrick will ask Jay Melrose to attend.

b. Bob asked that we discuss plans for the anniversary celebration, to include recognition of founders, the colleges and the five presidents, as well as Five Colleges, Inc. Barbara wants especially to have the Young At Heart Chorus perform, and also Deborah Lubar. If these events are more costly than our usual non-term-time or special events, it need not set a precedent.

The planning committee should include at least one founding member and one early president. The original planners were representatives from each institution, Bob Grose for Amherst and Marjorie Kauffman for Mount Holyoke, as well as John Clobridge and others. The inspiration has been attributed to Harvey Friedman, Gladys Rapaport and others. A motion was proposed and seconded that the Winter Program committee under Paul and Barbara's chairmanship plan the celebration for January. Paul noted that January usually has only four events, including the annual Memorial event. David reminded us that the weather can be difficult in January. Diedrick asked for an ad hoc committee to recommend a suitable time and form for marking our decennial. Jane Sherman, Barbara and Diedrick agreed to return with a report at the next meeting of Council. The original motion then was tabled unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary