

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

Present were Peg Bedell, Ted Belsky, Chuck Gillies, Bob Grose, Jonathan Hanke, Marcia Holden, Thelma Isaacs, Pat Keating, Anne Keppler, David Moriarty, Eleanor Reid, Paul Rothery, Jane Sherman, Barbara and Diedrick Snoek, Lee Snook, Charlotte Winston and Jackie Wisneski.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Diedrick Snoek, who asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 9th. This was granted.

II. Diedrick brought us up to date in regard to the new computer. He noted some glitches in summer coverage of the office, but said that trouble with the phone in the last week was a technical problem.

The seminar on Requiem Masses will be held in the Visitors' Center at UMass, which is good news, but there will be a \$10 charge for parking, which is not. Diedrick asked us to consider subsidizing this charge, but most members felt that it was a manageable fee and less than the cost of a text.

Jean Stabell has agreed to come to the General Meeting, and Diedrick will recognize her officially with words of appreciation and a bouquet. She will handle invitations to the five presidents for our 10th anniversary celebration.

III Charlotte distributed copies of the final financial report for FY98, and noted that the totals were almost exactly equal to the budgeted amounts. She was applauded for astute budgeting, but insisted that Eve Posada was responsible. On the July/August report, the cost of the computer is shown under "Dues" as we do not have a way to show capital expenditures from Funds on Deposit. The reports were accepted with thanks.

IV. a. *Curriculum*: Eleanor's committee met on September 3rd. The Ad Hoc committee for the 10th anniversary celebration, which consists of all past and present chairs of the Curriculum Committee plus Bill Gibson, has proposed ten successive programs with "Stars of the Past" presenting recaps or updates in their fields of interest. Each program would include two Stars, and almost all of those invited have agreed. In order to let everyone come who wants to, we may schedule these for Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. A large space will be required even though the programs will be open only to members and guests, not the general public. The excellent work of Naomi Yannis was noted.

Eleanor reported that the committee already has six proposals for the spring, plus "shadow" proposals for seminars on Post-Impressionism and on Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill.

The committee considered a statement on lottery procedures for inclusion in the handbook being prepared, but one member wants an alternative considered as well. Pat said that this was settled two years ago, but Diedrick suggests that the Curriculum Committee review the alternative proposed, make a decision and include the approved version in the handbook. Midge White expects to have this ready for the December general meeting.

b. *Finance*: Charlotte's committee will meet on September 29th to set the budget for FY99. The committee this year includes Grace Makepeace, Harley Unger, and Pat Keating ex officio. Pat hopes to have some discussion of the Memorial Fund and its use.

c. *Summer Programs*: Barbara reported that there were 408 participants in the programs, plus the number who attended the Miniature Theatre. We ended with a small fiscal surplus. Esther Crystal will work with Karen to tally costs in past years in an effort to plan for future years.

Plans are afoot for January, and one program is all set. On January 20th an expert will conduct a program on food preparation. Participation will be limited to 30, and there will be a charge for the food, which they get to enjoy. If there is enough interest, this program may be repeated next summer. Committee members are seeking a lecturer, a music person and a performance person for other January programs.

d. *Special Events:* Thelma reported that Ted is coordinating plans for the trip to Spain, with open lectures in the spring to preview the trip. Ted said that we have 17 paid registrants to date, with several more actively interested. The two-day extra trip to Bilbao will be available for \$400. The question of whether to offer Great Decisions was raised, and Ted urged that it be authorized again this year.

Barbara has ordered 36 tickets for the Fauré Requiem at Marlboro for Sunday afternoon, October 18th. Her seminar members and friends have signed for these, but others can call Marlboro to request tickets. Those attending will travel by car, as arranging for a bus would not have been practicable.

Diedrick will remind moderators to make contact with the Special Events Committee if they have ideas for supplementary activities.

e. *Membership:* David reported that he has three new members for the committee, and plans an orientation for new LIR members to make them feel welcome. We now have 163 paid LIR members, including 16 new ones and 2 who have returned to membership. The Membership Committee will collaborate on the handbook for members.

f. *Newsletter:* Jackie said that the deadline for the next Newsletter is September 15th.

*Publicity:* Marcia and Peg are planning a fall announcement for the newspapers, and asked if the full curriculum should be printed, given the fact that most seminars are full. It was suggested that they might list all seminars but asterisk those with space still available.

g. *Meetings:* The fall membership meeting will be at the Red Barn on September 26th, and Lee said that they are preparing for a large attendance. Diedrick will request brief reports, announce Conversations over Coffee and the trip to Spain, and mention January programs and plans for the 10th anniversary celebration in April.

The Red Barn will not be available on May 21 or 22, so our spring meeting Probably will be a week earlier or later.

V. a. Diedrick will ask all past presidents of LIR to join the planning committee for our 10th anniversary.

b. Harley and Esther Crystal are looking at our future need for more and better space, including the possibility of places in Hadley, and on the Hampshire campus.

c. Jay will present his report on hearing assistance at a later meeting of Council.

d. Diedrick asked for Council's thoughts on hooking up to the Internet. Smith has offered its program but that is not entirely satisfactory. He will price Javanet and Crocker.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:29. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Thursday, October 8th.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary