

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 1999
at Five Colleges, Inc.

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

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

III. We were eager to see the results of the nominating committee's work, so Chuck distributed the slate of nominees for next year. There was applause for the nominee for vice-president/president-elect, and congratulations for the committee.

Chuck said that the committee requested a minor change in the by-laws in regard to nominations. They propose to add "if desired by the Council" to the phrase requiring that there be two candidates for each officer's position. (It is understood that Council might feel it desirable when there is an issue with supporters on two sides.) The proposal was moved, seconded and approved.

Pat asked that consideration be given to relaxing the insistence on having one nominee for Council from each seminar. This would reduce an unwieldy slate, and ensure that only candidates who want to serve are included. She had the support of Eleanor and the agreement of Council, and Karen will be informed.

II. The President began his remarks with a request from Eve Posada that the informal group planning and running Conversations over Coffee be formalized as a Standing Committee, with a budget and the opportunity to sit with Council. Pat Keating noted that being "outside" permits them more freedom in the plans and programs, and that the events are more social than seminars and special events. Their educational content may duplicate programs of other community groups. The possibility of putting the group under the aegis of the Special Events Committee was suggested but found inappropriate, as the programs are not seminar-related. Forming a subcommittee of the Meetings Committee was not deemed wise, as that group already has plenty to do. Appointing a liaison to the Council in order to coordinate scheduling was mentioned as a possibility. Bob Grose noted that there was a need to consider the request carefully, as our decision will reflect concern with the fostering of new ideas and membership diversity, and Council voted to table the issue for the time being. Diedrick will discuss this with Eve again, and ask her for suggestions.

Preparations for the banquet are coming along well. Jean Unger's tree is six feet tall and four feet wide, and its branches will be adorned with the titles of every seminar in our history. Guests for the celebration include Gregory Prince (Hampshire), Lorna Peterson (Five Colleges, Inc.), Frank Ellis (Smith), Hermenia Gardner (Amherst), Stephen Dempski (U.Mass), John Clobridge, Ariella Nasuti, Jean Stabell, Judy Wardlaw and Karen Tatro, as well as our own Bob Grose, Marjorie Kaufman and Gladys Rapoport. Conn Nugent can't make it, and we don't know yet who will represent Mount Holyoke and the University. Council members and other hosts and distinguished guests will be specifically seated at various tables, and other LIR members will seat themselves. We have had so many registrants that there is now a wait list for attendance.

Diedrick asked again for comments in writing for a draft report on our future needs for space and facilities, to be used in his remarks at the banquet.

IV. Treasurer Charlotte Winston distributed her report, and noted briefly that we seem to be in good shape with regard to our budget for the year.

V. a. *Curriculum*: Eleanor announced that Lisi Armstrong had been elected to serve as committee chairman, and then presented a list of seminars to be offered for the fall. She expects to have twenty seminars in the catalogue, which will be distributed on May 13th at the general meeting. A proposal to continue Encore Presentations next year was not approved.

b. *Summer Events*: Barbara distributed the program of summer events, which include music, theater, art, gardens, crafts and astronomy. The program will be distributed to all members at the general membership meeting.

e. *Meetings*: Kathy reported that we can rent oblong tables for eight for \$8 apiece, or \$120 for fifteen tables to seat the 120 members expected. If more space is needed, we probably can set up one or more round tables in the corners. This rental was proposed and approved.

c. *Special Events*: Thelma Isaacs said that the museum trip went well. She was urged to look into the possibility of a bus trip to the Sargent exhibit.

Although plans for the Great Decisions programs are up to date, registration has been very low, and Chuck proposes that we cancel.

d. *Membership*: David Moriarty reported that copy for the brochure is in the hands of Carol Angus, and he should have a finished text for the May meeting.

f. *Newsletter*: Jackie Wisneski announced that the next deadline is May 15th. She was asked if the Newsletter could include pictures, and it seems that the office computer could handle this.

g. *Publicity*: Peg Bedell said that none of the local papers was interested in a special feature on our anniversary, and she was urged to get in touch with area Councils on Aging which have publications.

V. Diedrick asked who should write a thank-you to the Yiddish Book Center to go with our contribution, and it was agreed that he was the appropriate person.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Tuesday, May 11th.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary