

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

Present were Lise Armstrong, Peg Bedell, Ted Belsky, Ed Buck, Chuck Gillies, Nylda Glickman, Jono Hanke, Thelma Isaacs, Amy Johnson, Pat Keating, Anne Keppler, David Moriarty, Paul Rothery, Marcia Silverman and Naomi Yanis.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 by President Pat Keating, and the minutes of the March meeting were approved, with thanks to Chuck Gillies.

II. a. Pat introduced the newly elected members of Council: Ed, Nylda and Naomi, and new President-Elect Ted, and was herself welcomed as president.

b. After discussion, we decided to skip an August meeting, and to meet next on September 9th.

c. Because a few members had asked for replacement of lost ballot forms, we considered Chuck's request for a policy decision on the matter. The Nominating Committee to be named next spring will be asked to address this as a potential problem.

d. As Ted had to resign his Council seat when he was elected to executive office, Council was asked to approve the procedure (a coin toss, to choose one of the two receiving equal numbers of votes for fourth place) for selecting his replacement. The procedure seemed fair to all, and a motion that Pat appoint Harley Unger was moved, seconded and approved.

III. a. *Curriculum:* Lise Armstrong, the new chair, reported that she had been unable to get to the national meeting. Her committee met this morning, and made the decision to cancel two of the 20 scheduled seminars because of low registration. Four seminars were oversubscribed and have wait lists. We have 153 paid members to date, of whom 148 have registered for 210 seminar places. A member of the committee has been named as liaison for each moderator who is not her/himself on the committee.

b. *Summer/January programs:* Paul said that they are planning now for January and would welcome suggestions for four diverse programs. The last two events in the summer program were affected by the heat, and one (the trip to Elizabeth Park) was canceled and rescheduled for Tuesday, August 24th. The roses will be past peak bloom, but there are other gardens to enjoy. As the lack of air conditioning at the Amherst Alumni House was a real problem at the piano concert, it was suggested that Valentine Hall or the Student Center, or various sites at Mount Holyoke, be investigated for summer events in the future..

b2. *Membership:* David had us look at a preliminary copy of the new brochure (and a sample of the one for the Emily Dickinson House for paper weight and color), and requested approval of an order to the printer his committee has chosen. After congratulations on a really beautiful job, Pat noted that some of the text had come from the original brochure written by Marjorie Kaufman. Everyone admired the art work, format and wording, and it was moved, seconded, and approved that we spend up to \$1000 for printing. At about \$235 for 500, this should give us at least 2500 copies. These will be distributed to all members, local libraries, Councils on Aging and college personnel offices, and a good supply will be stored at the office.

b3. *Finance:* Anne gave a brief report on behalf of Charlotte, who was off to see her granddaughter, Sarah Allison, born this morning. Of the \$24,800 budgeted for FY 99, we had spent \$22,356 through the end of May, with June still to be added. Amounts for meetings and for miscellaneous are a little above estimated costs. The Memorial Fund is in good shape and the Donors Fund hardly used.

c. *Meetings:* The fall general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd.

d. *Special Events:* Thelma reported that the trip to Arrowhead planned for October 23rd is now tentative, as the Melville seminar was canceled. The addition of a visit to the exhibit at the Pittsfield Athenaeum was suggested and applauded, so the trip will be planned to include both sites.

Marcia reported that she had lacked sufficient help for the trip to Boston, and hoped for committee members to take more responsibility.

f. *Newsletter:* No news this month. A question was raised about the responsibility of committee chairs, especially in view of the typing required for the Newsletter. Members of this committee arrange for a lot of the reporting, but Jackie does all of the typing.

g. *Publicity:* Peg had no news this time.

IV. The committee making arrangements for Conversations Over Coffee has submitted an excellent statement of their plans for FY2000, and has asked that we consider their request for representation at Council meetings. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Conversations Over Coffee be represented at Council meetings.

Further discussion of making this a Standing Committee brought up the need for a review of this part of the By-laws. It was moved, seconded and approved that a committee be appointed to review the By-laws in regard to Standing Committees, and to recommend needed changes. Pat asked Ted to chair the committee, and Ed, Chuck and Naomi agreed to work with him.

Questions were raised about summer office coverage. Pat praised Debby's work in the office from 9 to 12:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The date of Karen's return was not known, but Pat said that anyone who needs to know can call Karen at home.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Thursday, September 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Keppler, Secretary