

Five College LIR Council  
Minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2000  
at Five Colleges, Inc.

Present were Lise Armstrong, Peg Bedell, Ted Belsky, Chuck Gillies, Nylda Glickman, Thelma Isaacs, Allan Johnson, Amy Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Pat Keating, Anne Keppler, David Moriarty, Paul Rothery, Marcia Silverman, Barbara Snoek, Diedrick Snoek, Harley Unger, Charlotte Winston and Naomi Yanis.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Pat Keating, and the minutes of the March 9th meeting were approved with corrections in the wording of the item on Publicity. Chuck asked that the full statement on By-Law changes be included in the official minutes of last month's Council meeting.
- II. The Memorandum on Future Growth prepared by Harley and Diedrick was distributed and read, in preparation for our meeting with Lorna Peterson. Lorna addressed the issues raised in the memo, and began with our need for additional space. She suggested some places we have not used, such as the Bangs Center in Amherst and the Florence Savings Bank in Northampton, and even the Campus Center at UMass. Ted asked about space in the campus libraries, Amy suggested the old Amherst College Observatory, and meeting rooms at Cooley Dickinson Hospital might be available when the High School no longer needs them. There are problems in getting the use of suitable space for the same time and day for ten weeks, but we can always ask.
- IV. As we do long-term planning, Lorna urged that a self-review be prepared for the Five College Directors, but said that we need to recognize that all Five College programs have similar problems. We should do all we can on our own, and then ask her or Ariella for help if it is needed. Parking problems might be lessened with more carpooling, and a few special permits for carpoolers might be arranged at more convenient spots. Paul said that we really want to be sure that when consideration is given to new or conversion building, LIR's needs for classroom and office space are remembered. Lorna ended by suggesting an updated review every five years as a way of keeping our status and achievements before the Directors, with emphasis on what LIR contributes to the Five College community.
- III. 1. *Finance: a.* While awaiting Lorna's arrival, Diedrick presented his memo on a 25% "dues discount" based solely on income, as a way of expanding use of the Donors Fund. Charlotte supported his rationale, saying that some who are reluctant to ask for help may be more comfortable with the suggested form. Some members felt that a 33% or even 50% discount would be more appropriate. Discussion was temporarily abandoned for Lorna's visit, and when we returned to it, it was moved and seconded that the proposed change be accepted in principle for a two year trial, with a change to a 50% discount for income levels of \$20,000 for one person or \$30,000 for two. This was discussed, and an amendment was proposed to change the income levels to \$16,000 and \$24,000. This was passed, and the motion was passed as amended.
  - b. Charlotte distributed her report of transactions through March, but we didn't take the time to go over it this month.
2. *Curriculum:* Lise reported that we have at present twenty seminars for the fall, with one or perhaps two at the Yiddish Book Center. We expect to contribute \$100 to the Center in appreciation for use of the space.

3. *Meetings*: Allan reported that arrangements are complete for the general meeting on May 10. We will have 20 tables, and moderators' places, based on the day and time of seminars, will be marked with balloons. There will be two serving tables and two dessert tables, with tables at each end of the room for wine, cheese and crackers when we arrive.
4. *Membership*: David will offer to speak to any area Council on Aging, and expects to speak to the UMass retirees soon. His term as chair is up this year, and he wants to encourage more committee participation by LIR members.
5. *Summer Programs*: Barbara presented the list of summer activities planned, and reiterated David's plea for more committee participation. She and Paul are also in their final year.
7. *Special Events*: Marcia said that she and Thelma will resign at the end of the year, and hoped that more members would come forward. Ted announced that the Committee on Committees is making a special effort to address the problem of encouraging committee service.
9. *Publicity*: Peg went over the information on LIR in the newsletter from the Amherst COA. She will hand-carry our releases to the various papers after our general meeting, listing the entire curriculum with a note that some may be filled before new members are accepted. She'll do the same for summer programs.

IV. *Committee on Committees*: Ted presented the proposed By-law change in regard to selection and tenure of committee chairs and members. An amendment to specify that no member could serve more than 5 years on one committee was not passed. The original motion was passed. and the By-law change will be presented to the full membership. In further discussion on committee service, Ted urged that the Vice-President survey each committee to identify problems with which the Committee on Committees could help. He will speak at the general meeting in the fall to say that volunteers and "consultants" are always welcome. David reminded us that orientation for new members in the fall will emphasize the benefit and pleasure to be gained from committee participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Thursday, May 11th.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary