

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2000
at Five Colleges, Inc.

Present were Peg Bedell, Ted Belsky, Chuck Gillies, Nylda Glickman, Jono Hanke, Allan Johnson, Amy Johnson, Pat Keating, Anne Keppler, David Moriarty, Eve Posada, Paul Rothery, Barbara Snoek, Diedrick Snoek, Harley Unger, Charlotte Winston, Jackie Wisneski and Naomi Yanis.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Pat Keating. The minutes of the April 13th meeting were corrected to include Paul's urging that any search or planning for new space should be coordinated with Karen, and they were then approved.
- II. Pat announced that there had been 156 people at the General Meeting. A brief summary of action taken at that meeting is appended.
 1. The next meeting of Council will be on June 8th at Five Colleges, Inc.
 2. Ted especially commended Chuck for a good job on the By-law changes
 3. Diedrick, according to my notes, sent his love to all!??
- III.
 1. *Finance*: Charlotte distributed her year-to-date report, and said that she had had no reaction to the new arrangement for offering assistance with dues.
 2. *Meetings*: Allan had a good response to requests for help with setting up, and has now solved that problem with an agreement that the rental company staff will do it in future. Space is the real problem, and his committee will brainstorm alternatives this summer. He and Kathy will be finishing their terms after the December meeting, as will most of the present committee, many of whom have given years to this task.
 3. *Membership*: David will plan an orientation program for the fall. He has had a letter from Kathleen Collins, a doctoral student at UMass, who may call some LIR members for interviews as part of the research for her dissertation. It was felt that as long as she is asking only individuals suggested by people she knows, it will be all right.
 4. *Summer Programs*: Barbara announced that Jean and Marcia Holden and Monica Vizedom have agreed to join the committee, and Anne Martin will stay on. The relatively high cost of this year's trips may entail some risk of going over budget, but there is a financial cushion for that possibility. The response to a suggestion that there might be too many trips scheduled was a statement that each summer's program was different, and it could be different again next year. There was concern over the shortage of free or low cost opportunities, and Barbara recommended that we evaluate the program in the fall.

At this point, there was discussion on the presentation of the slate of nominees for next year, and the brief opportunity for nominations from the floor. The Nominating Committee was asked to research other ways to encourage nominations. Chuck thinks newer members may be less unwilling to serve, and Ted moved that the matter be referred to a nominating committee to be appointed early next year. This was seconded and passed.

Attention was drawn to the fact that Harley's name should be removed from the list of candidates for Council as he will become the new Treasurer, and that the fourth high vote-getter will need to be named for one year to replace Chuck, who will become the new Secretary.

5. *Newsletter*: Jackie reported that the next deadline is May 15th for the last issue of the current year, which will be her last issue.

7. *Conversations over Coffee*: Eve and her committee had a planning meeting in April, and the schedule for next year is set tentatively. On October 19th, Susan Whitbourne, a gerontologist from UMass, will discuss stages of aging. Ruth Hooke will be hostess, and others who are interested in the topic will be invited, including students. On November 16th, Diedrick will host a discussion having to do with time. In February we will have another play reading, in March the topic will be parenting our adult children, and in April readings from our own autobiographical writing groups are planned.

8. *Publicity*: Peg said that the fall program will go to the papers next week, and the summer programs a week later to allow time for our members to sign up if they want to.

IV. 1. Ted talked about starting the Special Programs committee, which will be the umbrella for Great Decisions, Conversations over Coffee, special events during the semester, and one-time programs on computers, etc. Chairs of the various groups will constitute the committee, and the Vice President of LIR will be the committee chairman.

2. Pat reported that response to the survey on membership charges for the Elderhostel Institute was not great. Membership costs are expected to rise, but there was little support for a large increase. We now contribute somewhat less than \$1 per current member, and there was a question about how much we benefit from EIN. Several people recalled the very good meeting at UMass, and our visit from the representative last year. Naomi urged our responsibility to help others just getting started. EIN provides leadership training, interaction at regional conferences, curriculum information and suggestions. Can we ask to see their budget? Ted will write to them and request a bit more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Thursday, June 8th.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary

Addendum: brief report on the General Meeting

Pat thanked Council, Karen, and members of LIR for their support during her presidency. She recognized retiring officers and committee chairmen, and urged that all members consider committee activity as part of their responsibility.

Amy announced the slate of officers for 2000-01, and introduced the candidates.

Ted presented the proposed By-law changes, establishing the Special Programs Committee, determining its makeup and selecting its chair. All proposals were accepted by the membership.

Pat and Karen were both recognized and given a token of appreciation.