

**NEXT MEETING OF THE 5CLIR COUNCIL WILL BE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2000 AT 1:30 PM
FIVE COLLEGES, INC., AMHERST**

REMINDER: RED BARN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 20

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of August 10, 2000
Held at Five Colleges, Inc., Amherst

Present for the Council were: Ted Belsky (President), Barbara Snoek (Vice-President), Chuck Gillies (Secretary), Harley Unger (Treasurer), Pat Keating, (Past President), Hy Edelstein ('03), Nylda Glickman ('02), Jonathan Hanke ('01), Amy Johnson ('01), Norman Winston ('03) and Naomi Yanis ('02).

Also present were Lise Armstrong (Chair, Curriculum), Kathleen Johnson (co-chair, Meetings) David Moriarty (Chair, Membership), and Linda Stairmand (Chair, Newsletter).

Present, by invitation were Diedrick Snoek (former 5CLIR President and current Chair of the "Hampshire College matter"), Eve Posada (Ch. of Conversations over Coffee sub-committee), David Navon (on the "LCD matter") and Charlotte Winston (former Treasurer).

Missing for the Council: Connie Anderson ('03), Ed Buck ('02), and June Guild ('01).

Others missing: Peg Bedell (Chair, Publicity), Allen Johnson (Co-Chair, Meetings), Ann Martin (Chair, January and Summer Programs) and Ariella Nasuti (Five Colleges, Inc.)

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Ted Belsky at 1:30 PM.
2. The minutes of the last meeting (July 13, 2000) were approved as written.
3. The Vice-President, Barbara Snoek, had no report.
4. Pat Keating, Past President, said that she was still investigating the "amplification device" mentioned at the last meeting.
5. Lise Armstrong reported for the Curriculum Committee that (a) the architecture class had been canceled for insufficient enrollment; (b) "Banned Books" had been canceled due to the illness of Doris Leonard's husband; and (c) Harley Unger will be the representative from the Curriculum Committee to whatever committee is planning December's meeting.

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6. Harley Unger reported as Treasurer that the new Finance Committee will meet August 17 with members Charlotte Winston, Kay Sheehan, Diedrick Snoek, Barbara Snoek, Ann Keppler and Dorothy Gorra and he asked for one more new member. Hy Edelstein was suggested and he accepted.

7. Charlotte Winston, retired Treasurer, presented a financial summary of the year, acknowledging that the figures were not final. She pointed out many items in the income and expense statement, which in summary showed a "surplus" of \$1962.35 for the year. She pointed out that the negative balance for the Special Events category was because most of the checks for this summer's programs are held in the 5CLIR office (to avoid having to ask Five Colleges to refund many small checks when a program is canceled). It was agreed that the Finance Committee might find a solution for this problem. After discussion it was agreed that individual programs such as Great Decisions, Conversations over Coffee, etc. should have a separate line in the budget, if possible, to promote accountability. The Council expressed much gratitude for Charlotte's hard work as Treasurer these last three years.

8. Kathy Johnson reported for the Meetings Committee that they had surveyed several sites as alternatives to the Red Barn for the December 2nd "moderators' introductions" meeting. Several had been rejected, but they felt that St. Brigid's Catholic church in Amherst and St. John Cantius in Northampton were good possibilities. The Committee seemed to prefer St. Brigid's. After discussion, focusing especially on parking troubles at the Amherst site, a show of hands of the Council favored St. John Cantius (Hawley St., Northampton) by 10 - 2. There would be a charge of \$235 (175 rental, 50 custodian, 10 trash) plus we would have to obtain an "alcohol permit" and day insurance.

9. Pat Keating brought up a serious concern in that those who labor for the Meetings Committee are "treated like kitchen help." There was considerable discussion and concern about this matter, especially in light of the fact that the Johnsons and all of the Committee are planning on retiring after the December meeting. Several suggestions were made including a President's message in a Newsletter about this matter, announcement of the problem (stressing that we are a participatory organization) at the next Red Barn meeting and a plea by Lise that we should use the change from Red Barn to Church as a way to "break the mold" and "change bad habits."

10. Dave Moriarty reported for the Membership Committee that as of 8/09/00 we had 177 paid members including 20 new members. He had met with Nancy Pagano of the Bangs Center in Amherst who is eager to make their space available to us. After discussion it was agreed that Dave should let her know we were interested, but that plans had been made for the fall. Perhaps Curriculum Committee would decide to meet there. Dave announced that he was holding an Orientation Meeting at the Bangs Center on October 17 at 1:00 PM to inform Amherst seniors of 5CLIR and its programs. David also distributed an agenda for the Orientation meeting for new ("since July of 1999") members to 5CLIR to be held at the Lathrop Community Center on Bridge St. in Northampton at 10:00 AM on October 6.

11. There was discussion at this point of (a) using e-mail for some of our mailings to save postage; (b) a suggestion from John Armstrong via Lise that at the September meeting we survey members as to who would use e-mail for announcements, etc., and (c) should 5CLIR invest in a scanner?
12. Barbara Snoek reported for the Summer Programs Committee that there are 20 people signed up for next week's trip to Tregellys Farm and that all programs have been successful. Council expressed compliments to the Committee for their hard work.
13. Linda Stairmand reported for the Newsletter that she has set a deadline of August 15th for her first issue, to be ready about September 1. She needs articles on Summer trips and programs. There was discussion as to how these have been arranged. Linda asked to be "put on everyone's mailing list!" She will be running a "personals column."
14. Diedrick Snoek summarized the history of exploratory discussions with Gregory Prince, President of Hampshire College, on how 5CLIR might fit our future space needs into their plans, especially the development of Hampshire's "cultural village." Council wishes to pursue the matter, although caution was expressed that we not "burn any bridges" regarding our current facilities, so generously provided by Smith College. Ted had pursued inviting Dr. Prince to a Council meeting, but the only possibility is for a special meeting on Friday, October 27th from 2:15 to 3:30, with Council meeting earlier, probably at 1:45. Council agreed that this was a good idea and Ted will confirm the meeting, emphasizing that these are exploratory discussions only. Thanks were expressed to Diedrick for carrying this so far. Naomi Yanis noted that we have been reminded in a couple of quarters that we are an "asset" and that we should so carry ourselves!
15. Council turned next to a discussion of the proposal that 5CLIR purchase an "LCD projector". Naomi read a report from the Task Force investigating the matter (Yanis, Gillies, Hanke, Unger and Navon). {the report is appended to these minutes - Chuck} It was agreed that we should have a demonstration of the device, which Jono Hanke is able to arrange and that we should all study the Committee's Report before next time.
16. Eve Posada spoke for Conversations over Coffee and after reminding us of the programs for the up-coming term mentioned that she is "burned out" and needs a replacement as Chair in the near future. Council commended Eve for her good work in initiating and carrying out the program.
17. Ted turned to a review of the draft calendar that had been distributed. It was noted that several events, e.g., January and Conversations over Coffee, could not be specified until the January Committee had done their work or space availability was made clear. Also, Great Decisions and Summer Programs should get listed generally. There was discussion about the need for an established "mailing calendar" to help prevent excessive and expensive mailings. Harley urged that this not be "rigid!"

18. It was noted that at the September Red Barn meeting the President would ask Committee Chairs to speak about their Committee's work and, if necessary, need for new members.

19. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles K. Gillies,
Secretary

Passed out at the meeting were:

1. agenda
2. 5CLIR Income and Expense Statement - Charlotte Winston
3. Orientation Agenda Proposal - David Moriarty
4. Tentative Mailing Schedule for 2000-2001 - Ted Belsky

{Appended here is the Report of the LCD Task Force, prepared by Naomi Yanis - Chuck}

5CLIR TASK FORCE ON LCD PROJECTOR PURCHASE

July 19 meeting: Naomi Yanis, Chuck Gillies, Harley Unger, Jono Hanke
Dave Navon was not available, but provided input

We agreed to examine questions relating to the following areas:

- Purpose and Value
- Logistics
- Choosing a Machine
- Financing
- Auxiliary Equipment
- Alternatives