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February 4, 1992

Five College Learning in Retirement Membership Meeting
Smith College Field House, February 4, 1992 10 a.m.

Barbara Southworth, the president, called the meeting to order at 10.25 a.m.

Reports and announcements were made as follows:

Southworth: Our guests at this meeting are Bernard Dickstein and Miriam Leader, reporters from the ELDERVISION, the newsletter of the Northampton Council on Aging. Suzanne Lehman, LIR chair of publicity, introduced the guests and explained that they wished to interview several LIR members for material on an article in their publication concerned with 5 CLIR, scheduled for March 1992.

Lucy McAfee, Vice President LIR: reported on volunteer activities and invited members to sign up for service in any of the following volunteer activities:

1. Greeters for performances at the Fine Arts Center, U-Mass
2. Telephone answerers, for Channel 57 pledge nights at the next fund drive
3. Participation February 26 at a fair at Bangs center, for activities of Amherst Council on Aging; this will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
4. Mr. Hubbard also suggested that Old Deerfield Librarian is seeking volunteer assistance with the library services

Sally Lawton; Chair Special Events:

1. Pat Keating reported on the content and reaction of the participants in the mini-seminar on Mark Twain, which had been arranged as the pilot inter-institute exchange with Harvard ILR; this was held at Willits-Hallowell at Mt. Holyoke College January 29-30; the presenter was Milton Paisner, member of HILR.
2. Sally Lawton stated that the planned trip to Hartford to tour the Mark Twain home and the Wadsworth Athenaeum will be offered in April, as a follow-up to the mini-seminar.

President: Requested that members who had suggestions for program, for policies, for changes in services, etc., offer suggestions in writing, so that these can be reviewed by the appropriate committee, and recommendations can then be made on these issues to the Council in a thoughtful and careful review

President also reminded members that Eleanor Reid's function is not as a clerical assistant, but that Reid supervises a volunteer group of members who provide clerical support. Additionally, because it is a small office, and there is only one copy machine, she requested that persons needing to have materials copied, phone the office for an appointment to come in and do the copying themselves

Marjorie Kaufman: The Five College Library orientation to the computerized system has been rescheduled for the week of February 10, and a sign-up sheet was circulated for reservations for this event.

Ginny Senders, Chair Curriculum committee: Senders announced that all ten seminars for the Spring term are full, and some are over-full; these have been over-filled with the permission of the respective moderators. Senders suggested that at this time it might be appropriate to look at a variety of learning models, including creative art experiences; she asked persons to give suggestions concerning this to the curriculum committee.

Bill Lieson, Chair of the Finance committee: Stated that we receive print-outs of our income and expenditures through the Five College Inc. accounting system, and the treasurer's report is on file. Suggestions from the floor concerning modification of the dues structure were answered with a request to the member asking to send a written proposal to the finance committee, which, Lieson said, is considering the issues of costs and financial aid, among other financial matters.

President: stated that she had spent some money for twenty serving spoons to be used at events like today's; also that Reid had purchased a storage cabinet with locks.

President also announced that she is appointing a task force to review our by-laws and make any appropriate thoughtful recommendations for modifications which seem useful after our experience of three years.

Eleanor Reid, executive office: made housekeeping announcements, and also stated that membership grows at a rate of 20%. A member asked if LIR could be listed in the NYNEX directory and Reid will look in to that. Also on request of members, the president has sought advice concerning members' access to dining facilities at Willits Hallowell...these can be arranged only when the meal time is related to an LIR meeting of seminar in the Willits facility. Third Friday of each month is identified as the LIR lunch time at Lord Jeff...members are asked to Phone Lord Jeff by the preceding Thursday to make table reservation.

Gladys Rapoport
Secretary