

Minutes - L I R Membership Meeting - 9/21/95  
5 to 7 P.M. at the Red Barn, Hampshire College

The meeting was called to order by the President, Harley Unger, who indicated that our focus would be, "Where we are and where we are going." He thanked Eleanor Reid for her annual report, copies of which were available on the tables. A membership directory and a list of seminar participants were distributed.

Ben Bowditch, Chairman of the Membership Committee reported that in 1989 5 C L I R started out with 31 members. As of today, we have 135 members including 15 new members who were introduced. Some people who took last year off are back as members this year. Priscilla Dolloff, previous Membership Chair, was commended for a job well done.

Florence Barondes, Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee, announced the number of participants in each of this year's 14 seminars and introduced the moderators. There are very few openings available in the seminars which poses a problem for anyone who hasn't yet registered.

Eve Posada, Treasurer, gave a report on our financial status. A final meeting with Jean Stabell will reconcile any minor differences that remain between Eve's books and those of the 5 C Office. We ended the '94-'95 fiscal year with a surplus of \$4,142.. We must maintain a reserve in the case that our expenses increase. We have no guarantees, for instance, that Smith College will continue to be able to allow us the use of the Field House free of charge. The five colleges have allowed us the use of seminar spaces without charge until this past summer when Amherst College charged \$50. for each of three summer events held there. We have had 2 applications for financial help from our Donor Fund.

Ted Belsky reported that the Special Events Committee has been following the suggestion in the Long Range Plan that proposals for special events come from the seminars. The Special Events Committee helps to implement plans. Last year there were 2 trips to N Y C, one to the Metropolitan Museum of Art at the request of the seminar on the French Impressionists and one to Ellis Island in conjunction with the seminar on immigration. The Great Decisions program was very successful, and there were 2 summer trips, one to Hancock Shaker Village and another to the Tower Hill Botanical Garden. So far this year 2 trips have been planned, one to Plymouth Plantation on Oct. 9 in conjunction with the American History seminar ( 12 places on the bus are still available) and one to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in N Y C, probably on Nov. 2, in conjunction with the Native American Art Seminar. Other trip suggestions are welcome.

Lloyd Craighill invited L I R members to an art exhibit by 2 visiting Japanese artists at his home. There will be a reception on Oct. 8, and the exhibit will be available for viewing by appointment from Oct. 6 - 12.

Seminars will not be held on Oct. 4 which is Yom Kippur.

Parking permits will be distributed to seminar participants. Because of construction at Amherst College parking must be in the lot to the south-east of the railroad overpass on Route 9. Changes in seminar times and locations were announced.

Jolayne Hinkel announced that, since Oct. 21 is U N Day, there will be special events all of that week. All are invited to the 5 - College luncheon with the 5 College Presidents at Seasons Restaurant on Oct. 25 and to a 4-day conference at U. Conn at which there will be a dazzling array of speakers including President Clinton and Madeleine Albright.

There being no further business, imbibition and noshing served as a prelude to a delicious pot-luck meal arranged by Lora Simon and the Meetings Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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