

Minutes of the L I R General Membership Meeting, 9/26/96

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 by Virginia Beal, Vice President, substituting for the absent David Navon.

She paid tribute to Carl Swanson, one of our founding fathers who passed away on 9/25/96. Carl was a great source of strength for LIR and will be sorely missed.

Virginia asked for reports from various Committee Chairpersons:

Curriculum Committee - Barondes

We have 15 seminars, 12 of which are full.

We have 143 full members.

We must keep finding more seminars. A couple of spring semester seminars are already on the books.

We need a volunteer to head the January Events Committee.

Finance Committee - Eve Posada

It would be helpful if members would write separate checks for different items - membership, special events, donations, etc.. Five Colleges is our banker, book-keeper and accountant.

Our surplus is very close in amount to last year's expenses. We do, however, need a contingency fund of at least that amount to take care of possible increases in our expenses, e.g. Amherst College charged \$100. for the room for one of our summer events, Smith College might not be able to continue indefinitely to give us space and facilities, our 17 associate members are now paying \$25. instead of \$150., our dues assistance program has been somewhat expanded, etc.. The possibility of split payment of dues seems to be a financially helpful option for members.

Membership - Ben Bowditch

We have 19 new members, one of our largest annual increases in membership. We usually add additional members in the spring and therefore need more seminars. Six former members have rejoined.

Special Events - Ted Belsky

Special events already planned are a trip to the Quabbin Radio Telescope on Oct. 18 and to the Hartford museums - Mark Twain or the Harriet Beecher Stowe houses and the American Political Museum on Nov. 1. The Committee will entertain requests for special events from other seminar groups.

News Letter - Jackie Wisneski

New members are urged to send short biographies for the News Letter which comes out five times a year.

Publicity - Mary Egginton

We got good press coverage on the Summer Program.

Meetings - Lora Simon

Lora thanked the Committee and reminded Council members that they had agreed to help with clean-up.

Summer Program - Eleanor Reid

Priscilla Dolloff and Committee gave us probably the best summer program yet.

EIN Regional Meeting - Ann Grose

The meeting will be April 13, 14, and 15. People will gather at U. Mass. on Sunday evening for dinner. Monday, after meetings, there will be wine and cheese, entertainment by the Young at Heart Chorus, and people will go to local restaurants in groups of 10 to 12 for dinner. Tuesday morning meetings and noon lunch will bring the meeting to a close.

Members were asked to volunteer to help as greeters, to escort Monday evening dinner groups, etc..

Bylaws Revision Committee - Bob Grose

Committee members are Beal, Quint, H. Unger and Wisneski. Their work is almost finished, but they will still entertain suggestions from members.

Announcements:

The summer wedding of Amy Johnson and David Dill was announced with wishes of much happiness. Members were urged to share in a wedding cake provided by L I R following dinner.

New members were asked to rise to be recognized.

Virginia Senders reminded all of her art exhibit at the Bangs Center.

The business meeting was adjourned at 5:45, and the important business of eating and drinking began.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Rollason, Secretary