

Five College Learning in Retirement  
General Membership Meeting  
Saturday, September 26, 1998  
The Red Barn, Hampshire College

Shortly after 10:00 a.m., President Diedrick Snoek greeted all those present and welcomed new members. He noted Jackie Wisneski's long-time contribution to LIR by editing the Newsletter throughout its life, and recognized our good friend and mentor from Five Colleges, Inc., Jean Stabell, who is retiring this fall. Jean spoke of her enjoyment of the association with LIR presidents and treasurers, and said that she looked forward to taking part in some of our trips.

David Moriarty, chair of the Membership Committee, introduced his committee and read the names of our new members.

Eleanor Reid, co-chair of the Curriculum Committee, talked about plans for our tenth anniversary celebration. A committee composed of all our present and former curriculum chairs is preparing to offer a series of special occasions honoring "stars of the past". She asked for proposals and "shadow-proposals" for the spring, noting that we would have to have our spring catalogue ready for the December 12th meeting.

Ted Belsky brought us up to date on plans for the Elderhostel/LIR trip to Spain, which will run from May 25 to June 11 with a two-day optional extension. The focus will be on Spanish painting, and the cities visited will be Madrid, Cuenca and Barcelona, plus the optional trip to Bilbao.

In Eve Posada's absence, Barbara Snoek announced the resumption of our Conversations over Coffee on the third Thursdays of several months in the fall and spring. The topic for October 22nd is "Where did I leave my hearing aid?", or memory and hearing loss, led by Ginny Senders and Jay Melrose. Ellie Quint will host the November Conversation on long-term care, with Kristen Hershberger, the regional coordinator of the SHINE program.

Barbara Snoek described the four programs planned for January, including Kay Moran and Charles Moran discussing the effect of technology on writing, a pianist TBA, a cooking demonstration with Linda Kinney from the department of hotel and travel at the University, and Craig Felton from Smith talking about Spanish painting.

Diedrick noted the availability of Donors Fund assistance for any who find the annual LIR fee a strain, and Charlotte Winston said that she or Karen could arrange this.

Marcia Silverman spoke of the work of the Special Events Committee, and invited additional members. Their first meeting will be on October 9th.

Diedrick announced the regular office hours, and the way to deal with parking at Mason Hall. In addition to Karen's ten-month term, we have had summer coverage three days a week.

After the meeting was adjourned, Lora Simon thanked her committee and announced that members should come up and get wine or cider and munchies, and that she would call tables in random order to come up for the buffet lunch.

- just for the record -

Anne Keppler, Secretary