

SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TASK FORCE

REPORT

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After considerable discussion the committee established several basic standards upon which to base their recommendations. They are:

. Activities sponsored by the Special Events and Community Service Task Force should meet the basic requirement that LIR not duplicate the many services and activities already available in the five college area.

. Both special events and community service activities should be consistent with our primary role as a learning center, and or grow out of the subject matter covered in one or more of our seminars.

. Since the Special Events/Community Service Committee frequently deals with a variety of non-repetitive activities it could easily become overwhelmed with the detail needed to bring each activity to a successful conclusion. We therefore strongly recommend that sub-committees be formed to carry out each of the major functions.

. The Committee submits the following recommendations for the Long Range Planning Task Force considerations:

That a Special Events sub-committee be formed and charged with the following:

Identify a number of appropriate themes, especially those which grow out of seminar deliberations, around which field trips or other activities might be organized. These could include but not be limited to visits to area museums, cultural centers or areas of historical interest.

Survey the seminars and the individual membership for an expression of their interest in the above as well as for their additional suggestions.

Continue the special relationship between our LIR and the Miniature Theater of Chester.

Continue presentation of Great Decision Program

Carry out the programs.

Please note that we specifically do not recommend that the special events committee continue to serve as the hospitality committee. ✓

The role of the Community Service sub-committee is less clear in our minds. We believe the service component should be directly related to our primary mandate of providing peer learning experiences.

We therefore recommend that a Community Service sub-committee be formed and charged with the following :

Seek out partnerships with other area organizations to jointly sponsor programs in which both organizations have a common interest and one in which the Five College LIR has a special contribution to offer.

We recommend that this sub-committee be charged with further exploring appropriate community wide activities by surveying what other LIR organizations and the Elderhostel Institute Network are doing as well as what our own members would like to pursue.

We also recommend that a third sub-committee be formed to investigate including PBS Adult Learning Programs in our offerings.

PBS offers a variety of programming formats which are made available through their off satellite programming. These include regular college course offerings, teleconferences and special presentations of varying lengths. Some of them would be of great interest to our membership.

We need to work out if it will be possible for us to receive an associate PBS membership, and if that is not possible to determine what other alternatives are available to us. To that end we have asked for an appointment with the appropriate person at Hampshire College and will make a detailed proposal when we have more information available.

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