

## **FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT**

### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 11, 2019**

**Five College Office, 97 Spring St., Amherst, MA**

Council Members Present: Ellen Kosmer (President), Jake Greenburg (Vice-President), Gordon Wyse (Past President), Kathy Campbell (Treasurer), Cynthia Barker (Secretary), Bob Cohen, Linda Honan, Chris Hurn, Gene Fisher, Jonathan Jay, Jay Russell, Margaret Russell

Committee Chairs and Others Present: Prunella Fiddian-Green, Mary Franks, Gail Gaustad, Rich Parrish, Wendy Parrish, Nina Scott, Betsy Siersma, Karen Tatro

Council Members Absent: Kip Fonsh, Terry Rosenfeld

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Kosmer at 2:15 p.m.

The Council accepted the minutes of the March 14, 2019 Council Meeting.

#### **Officers' Reports:**

##### President

Ellen reported that Tisha Ferguson has been out this week, due to illness. Tisha expects to return to the office on April 15. Ellen noted that we need to have a better system in place if our Office Manager is unexpectedly incapacitated-for example, the ability to distribute broadcast emails to our members.

Ellen also reported that we need additional people willing to serve as at-large members on the Council.

##### Vice President

Jake reported that he has been very busy trying to fill in during Tisha's absence this week.

##### Treasurer

Please review the financial reports that were distributed prior to this meeting.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee reported that it has been two years since summer seminars were approved on a trial basis by the Council. Three seminars were given the first summer; none are planned this coming summer. One proposed seminar has been changed to a power point workshop to be given in September; another has been subsumed into the group of Edith Wharton events.

The Curriculum Committee recommended that summer seminars be taken out of its purview, so as to be more flexible in form and content and not in need of a formal review by the Curriculum Committee.

After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to end the two-year summer seminar trial. There was one vote cast in opposition to the motion, with all others voting in favor of the motion.

##### Great Decisions

Prunella thanked Rich Parrish and the members of the committee for all of their hard work preparing the program this year. Special thanks to the Council for their support in the transition to a different venue for the program. Ticket sales are currently about the same as last year at this time. The first program (Global Migration and the Rise of Populism) will be held on April 19, 2019.

##### Member Events

On April 4, 2019 the Member Events committee put on LIR's Anniversary Gala. About 100 members attended. Ellen Kosmer congratulated the committee for a great experience.

The next event will be the picnic to be held on Sept. 17, 2019 with a rain date of Sept. 18.

##### Public Relations/Publicity

Nina Scott reported that our final Gazette article featuring foreign-born members will be published soon. Pat Warner will be featured in that article. We also expect to see recipes and photos from the Appalachian seminar appearing in Hampshire Life.

Nina will also be working on publicity for the Preview and the Edith Wharton events.

### Special Programs

Please see a detailed report (included as an attachment) from Wendy Parrish.

### Activities (Formerly Summer/Winter Programs)

The committee is preparing the final details for the Catalog. There are seven activities planned; three will be nearby.

### Special Projects and Events

The first lecture in the series will be held on April 30, 2019. The web page for this program has not been activated, yet.

### **Old Business**

#### Report from ad hoc committee on formulating a price structure for LIR trips and events

Mary Franks reported that there is a great diversity of opinion on this subject. The committee will probably make their recommendations to the Council at the May meeting.

### **New Business**

#### Discussion on Facebook. Do we want to have an ad hoc committee look into the feasibility of this?

After some discussion, Bob Cohen, Wendy Parrish, and Prunella Fiddian Green volunteered to form an ad hoc committee to determine if we should have a Facebook page, and bring their recommendations to the Council. They will recruit additional members to help them.

### **Other Items**

Fall seminars will begin on Sept. 23, 2019.

The Annual Meeting will be held on May 5, 2019. Committee Chairs will be introduced at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 P.M.

Cynthia Barker, Secretary

### **Special Programs Report to Council – April 8, 2019**

The Book Interest Group's last meeting was held Friday, April 5; the group discussed Gilgamesh, by Joan London. The next book is Everything That Rises Must Converge, by Flannery O'Connor. That's the last book before the summer hiatus. The group is open to new members, but the hostesses have limited space, so it's first-come-first-served for each meeting. For further information, contact Naomi Yanis.

The Winter-Spring Encore Presentations are continuing on Fridays at the Applewood Retirement Community from 10 AM to 12 PM. The schedule will be available in the 5CLIR Reporter. Reminders will be emailed to our membership, listed in the 5CLIR Reporter, and available on [www.5CLIR.org](http://www.5CLIR.org).

Opera Prep, with Peg Bedell, meets on the Fridays preceding the HD Live Operas shown at the Hadley Cinemark. The schedule continues into May 2019, and will be online at [www.5CLIR.org](http://www.5CLIR.org). The final opera for the season is *Dialogues des Carmélites*, on May 11; the meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Meetings take place at the Inn at Easthampton Lathrop, Garden Room, from 2:00- 3:00PM.

Viewpoints, moderated by Hy Edelstein, continues to meet on the first Thursday of every month at 12:30 PM at Highland Valley Elder Services in Florence. Hy is currently transitioning the moderating duties.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Parrish, Chair