

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 26, 2015 AT 1:20 PM IN SMITH COLLEGE STUDENT CENTER

Having reached a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Michael Greenebaum.

Minutes: The minutes from 2014, which had been sent out to members, had one correction. Henny Lewin and Joan McKelvey should have been listed as co-chairs of the Member Services Committee. With this correction, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer: Betsy Loughran reported that we are in good shape financially. Since April 30 is the end of our budget year, she asked any committee members with bills due to please get them to her by the 30th. Our budget for next year is balanced with dues the same as last year:

\$250 full membership \$125 associate \$125 discounted \$125 half year
which is available only to first time members. (Those requiring dues adjustment should talk to Betsy Loughran or Liz Tiley.)

The budget for 2015 which was adopted by the Council on March 11, 2015, is prepared by the treasurer and the finance committee. In presenting a balanced budget they assumed that our membership will remain at around 300. Projected expenses will rise 1%. Most of our budget is for personnel costs (82%) which are set by Five College Inc. Their cost of living increases and health care costs will be established in June. During the coming year, if any budget changes are required, the finance committee will meet and bring recommendations to Council.

Currently, our budget estimates are income \$67,900, Expenses \$66,838; this gives us a slight margin of \$1062.

Finally Betsy showed us a graph in which our actual expenses were plotted against the projected inflation costs from our 1989 budget. The curve of our actual expenses was reassuringly lower.

Committee Chairs Introduced:

To encourage members to sign up for committees on the lime green sheet in the packet, each committee representative described what the committee does and how many new members it needs.

1. **Finance**—Betsy Loughran had already described how this committee helps formulate the budget and keeps track of our financial position. **One or two** new members are needed.
2. **Curriculum**—Betsy Siersma explained how this important committee reviews seminar proposals and helps moderators formulate their ideas. It meets once per month on the first Thursday afternoon. Terms run for three years. **Six** new members are now needed.

3. **Great Decisions**—Jim Harvey told us that this committee needs **two** new people with an interest in international affairs. They help set up the program for the spring and recruit speakers. The program runs for six weeks in March and April on Friday mornings.
4. **Membership Services**—Henny Lewin said that this committee is responsible for three events during the year: 1) the spring luncheons, 2) the February new members' coffee hour, and 3) the September pot luck picnic at the home of the Gaustads. They meet once or twice per year since most of their business can be done by phone or email. They could use **several** new members.
5. **Public Relations**—Like Elijah this committee is a vacant chair at the moment. It does important work relating LIR to the general public. **We need a chair and new members.**
6. **Special Programs**—Ina Luadtke described this committee as informal and flexible. They coordinate 10 events in the fall and spring on Thursday or Friday afternoons. Meetings are in September and March. This year there was a special April poetry and music salon which will continue. Other events are opera prep, the book interest group, French conversation, finding ancestors, etc. New ideas are welcome. They could use **five** new members.
7. **Winter/Summer**—Ruth Kosiorek announced that Nancy Denig will be taking over as chair. This committee has two meetings per year to plan programs, trips, and activities for January and the summer months. Each member is in charge of one program. **Several** new members are needed.
8. **Technology**—Jim Perot described this committee as “help!” **Several** new people with technical skills are needed to work with the rest of us either in workshops or one to one.

Nominations: Zina Tillona and the nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2015. A formal ballot will come in the mail.

President: (elected last year) Sheila Klem

Vice President: Gordon Wyse

Past President: Michael Greenebaum

Secretary: Richard Szlosek

Treasurer: Betsy Loughran

Assistant Treasurer: Kathy Campbell

There were no further nominations from the floor.

Council Nominations: These 17 names were put in nomination by the seminars. **Three** new Council members are needed. Voting will be by mail ballot. Members will receive short biographies of all nominees.

Nancy Denig	Neil Novik	Joan Cenedella
Carol Lee	Dolores Bonica	Nancy D'Amato
Sydney Flum-Stockwell	Carolyn Tetrault	Jake Greenburg
Gigi Barnhill	Ina Luadtke	Joan Davis
Naomi Yanis	Bobbie Reitt	Barbara Carpino
Ann Hartman	Nancy Clune	

General Discussion:

Else Bandman commented on the plight of older members like herself who want to participate in LIR but who find giving seminar presentations increasingly difficult. Dorothy Gorra explained that there used to be an auditing provision for such cases. Perhaps it needs to be reinstated. Right now it is left to the moderators to decide how to accommodate individual cases. Pete Reitt commented that since this issue has been raised, it should be taken up by next year's council.

Presidents' Remarks: Sheila welcomed new members and gave best wishes for a new year. Michael Greenebaum acknowledged those officers and council members who are retiring this year: Carol Jolly, Past President; Ellen Peck, Secretary; Susan Beer, Assistant Treasurer; and Council members Jim Perot and Jim Scott. They were all given a round of applause.

Michael Greenebaum then passed the gavel to Sheila Klem and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Peck, Secretary