

**FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 9, 2015**

The regular meeting was held in the Five College Center, Spring St., Amherst at 2:15 pm.

**Present Council:** Jim Averill, Susan Beer, Marybeth Bridegam, Michael Greenebaum, Carol Jolly, Sheila Klem, Ellen Peck, Jim Perot, Dean Poli, Jim Scott, Tyll van Geel, Fran Volkmann

**Absent Council:** Betsy Loughran, Zina Tillona

**Committee Chairs/Other:** Honore David, Henny Lewin, Ina Luadtke, Liz Tiley, Richard Szlosek

**Minutes:** The minutes of March 12 were accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

Sheila Klem reported that we still do not have anyone for the **Public Relations Committee**. We need to advertise this need at the Annual Meeting.

Susan Beer explained that the **Finance Committee** will meet on April 16 to work on changing budget categories to more fully meet our needs. The Council will see these revisions in May.

Honore David gave us a written report from the **Summer/Winter committee**. The new Chair will be Nancy Denig.

Henny Lewin reminded us that **spring luncheons** will be held on Sunday, April 19. We need more attenders. 43 have signed up so far. Many people have volunteered as hosts.

Ina Luadtke announced that on April 17 at 1:45 there will be a music program and then a poetry reading at Applewood. The **Special Programs Committee** is in need of a new chair.

Fran Volkmann said that the first **Great Decisions program** was a success and well attended.

**Office Manager:** Liz Tiley told us that we now have a tweeter connection.

Applewood has offered to underwrite the cost of our preview program if they could put their logo on it. This is policy decision which requires some thought and discussion since it would set a precedent for other commercial ventures. We decided to turn down this request and table the issue until we can work out a policy for ads and commercial underwriting. We also need to consult with Five Colleges to make sure we are in sync with their practices.

Liz also asked for volunteer envelop stuffers for the week of April 20.

**Old Business:**

Since we tried to revise the by-laws without meeting the 90 day timetable specified in the older version, the Executive Committee has decided not to bring up the revision at the Annual Meeting in April. Several LIR members had objected that the membership had not been adequately consulted about the changes. We discussed what we could do now since this Council had voted unanimously last month to accept the proposed revisions. Because this is mainly a procedural issue, the Executive Committee had agreed that it would not be a good idea to undermine the Preview and Annual Meeting with a dispute of this kind.

Carol Jolly moved that **“we refer the proposed revisions, which have been passed unanimously by this year’s Council, to next year’s Council for continuing action that would invite membership comments and consultation. The new Council would be free to amend the proposed by-laws if more clarity and consistency were needed.”** This motion was passed unanimously.

**Annual Meeting Agenda:**

Michael Greenebaum gave us a printed agenda for the Annual Meeting. There will be a power point presentation set up to introduce the budget, the new officers, those running for Council, and the committee chairs. Each committee chair will be given two minutes to describe what the committee does, how often it meets, and how many members are needed. There will also be sheets about the committees in the packets

If there is any business which needs vote tallying, the three Jim’s—Averill, Perot, and Scott—volunteered to act as tellers. We will need 86 members for a quorum.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Peck, Secretary