

May 6, 1993. Meeting of the Council of Learning in Retirement.
Present: Southworth, Lieson, Gibson, Keppler, Unger, McAfee, Wisneski,
Beal, Goodwin, Quint, Dunn, Keating, Senders.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Anne Keppler presented a detailed Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$8653.00. It was remarked that our general goal should be to maintain a balance in the neighborhood of one half of the yearly budget. Barbara Southworth said that this amount provides for special events (she used as an example a regional conference of the Elderhostel network) and also provides a cushion should we have to seek other arrangements for housing if the present spaces at the Field House and the Red Barn are no longer available.

Members of the Council had questions about certain items in the budget. There was some discussion of Xerox costs. In regard to the availability of the answering machine, Karen Tatro will look into the possibility of our buying and using our own answering machine separate from the college hook-up. Ginny Senders asked about expenses for outside speakers. This kind of item will be covered by the Special Events Account. Anne Keppler said that she and Karen Tatro will go over the accounts and try to make the attribution of expenses as logical as possible.

Barbara Southworth asked each member of the Council to volunteer to cover the office one week during the summer. She passed around a sign-up sheet.

The question of membership fees was discussed from the point of view of allowing members to pay on a half-year basis. Several members of the Council spoke to the reasons for a yearly membership fee stressing continuity and responsibility for the planning of seminars and the continuing expenses of the organization for office support, etc. Members of the Council felt that these arguments present a reasonable rationale for a yearly membership fee and that the arguments need to be presented to the membership as a whole with some time allowed for general discussion. Pat Keating said that the Membership Committee had anticipated that when the requirement of a yearly fee was instituted that the Committee had worried that this would result in a drop in membership, but that this had not proved to be the case.

Barbara Southworth spoke of the need for long range planning on policy and referred to Bill Lieson's Task Force. Bill suggested that the planning conference should take place next fall between Columbus Day and Thanksgiving.

✓ Ginny Senders presented three recommendations from the Curriculum Committee. The first concerned membership in lotteried seminars and stated that anyone who knows in advance that he/she will miss any two or more weeks should be excluded from the seminar. This proposal was accepted.

✓ The second proposal concerned couples in lotteried seminars. It stated that it is up to the persons involved to decide whether to register as a couple or as single individuals. If they choose to register as a couple, they will either win or lose together. If they register as single individuals, one may win and the other may lose. This proposal was accepted.

The third proposal concerned moderators vis a vis registration. The Curriculum Committee recommended that moderators be given the privilege of electing one seminar to be chosen at the same time as other seminars are chosen. His/her choice will be accepted even in lotteried seminars. There was considerable disagreement among Council members in response to this recommendation. In this connection, Pat Keating expressed the opinion that the Council should accept decisions of committees that have worked hard to make recommendations about policy. Pat stated that as Chair of the Membership Committee she did not feel that she had received support from the Council. A motion was made to accept the policy in regard to moderators as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. The motion carried by 4 votes, 6 people abstaining.

Barbara^a Southworth announced nominations for next year. There are two candidates for Vice President, Jean Roetter and Maida Riggs. Ellen Goodwin is the candidate for Secretary and Anne Keppler for Treasurer. A written ballot will be mailed to all members. Nominations may be made from the floor at the general meeting to vote on the By-Laws.

There was no further business and a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.