

January 5, 1995 - Council Meeting, Learning in Retirement.

Present: Reid, Rapoport, Lehman, T. & L. Belsky, Keating, Navon, A. & B. Grose, Braunthal, Lieson, Wisneski, Dolloff, Egginton.

The minutes of the Dec. 8 meeting were handed out and later approved (with following corrections: in the Treasurer's report, it should read, "This includes a special account deposit of \$13,844,47, which is a carover from previous years." Also ...in the Finance committee report, delete the sentence that \$350 may be made available annually for fee assistance.)

The President's report: Eleanor requested suggestions for 1995 nominating committee chair; this will be on the February agenda. Council members added their contributions to the Xmas gift for Karen.

Eleanor asked for Council guidance on dealing with member initiatives; in this case, "A Look Back Before We Step Forward", an historical account of LIR by Eve Posada, with her reflections on our future opportunities. How shall we use this to the benefit of both old and new members, as we focus on long-range planning ideas?

Council members found Eve's paper a thoughtful summary and, after considerable discussion, agreed to include it in the mailing which will be sent to all members prior to the LRPP discussion meeting on Feb. 9. Also to be included: an invitation to the meeting; a 3-page summary of the LRPP findings; a list of tasks and assignments, based on the recommendations. (Please note: the full 25-page report of the LRPP committee is available on request at the LIR office.)

Eleanor reported that the Executive committee had met on Jan. 3 to plan the Feb. 9 meeting. Minutes of that meeting were handed out to Council. We plan to focus on 4 areas: increase of membership; curriculum development; special events and activities; and Five College learning opportunities for retirees/ intergenerational options.

Eleanor emphasized that long range planning is a process, not an item to be voted up or down at the meeting.

Membership committee: Priscilla reported 135 paid members, of whom 4 are new.

Meetings committee: will choose its chair shortly and will be responsible for arrangements for the Feb. 9 meeting.

Special Events committee: Ted said that when "Great Decisions" is held this spring, non-members, as invited guests, should pay the same fee as members. He feels this is a good recruiting device.

Suzanne referred to the minutes of the Dec. 8, 1994 Council

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meeting: i.e., "Council then passed a motion by Eve that in the event a fee is charged to members for Special Events, non-members who are visiting will be charged a small additional fee".

Bob then moved, and Council agreed, that the language and previous motion be suspended and referred back to the Finance committee for reconsideration. Clarification is needed on the subject of non-members who come as invited guests and those who come to events "open to the public".

Dates of the "Great Decisions" course will be announced soon. Suggestions have been received from 5 members for Special Events for this spring.

Curriculum committee: David said January events have gone very well (50-60 people attended Tony Pearce's presentation on his travels in Africa; luncheon at the Lord Jeff also a great success). LIR curricular activities will in future be accepted for listings in the Five College monthly calendar (submissions to the calendar should go either to David or Ted, as Special Events chair.).

About 100 members have enrolled in the spring term seminars, which are filling quite evenly. "Immigrants and Immigration" was lotteried, and the "Shakespeare Authorship Question" dropped for insufficient enrolment.

No reports from the Treasurer or Finance committee.

There was discussion again of the donors fund and the practice of waiving fees. Gladys objected to the practice as inappropriate and ill-conceived. Others, including Ann and Pat, supported it. Eleanor, also in favor, said we need to find an appropriate way to do this for people who need it. Council agreed to refer the matter back to the Finance committee, and urge them to consult both Gladys and Anne Keppler, as individuals with experience in financial aid administration.

The date of the next Council meeting will be announced later.

Suzanne Lehman, Secretary