

5 College L I R Council
Minutes: meeting of 2/8/96 at 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, L. & T. Belsky, Bowditch, Braunthal, Egginton, A. & R. Grose, P. Keating, Melrose, Navon, G. Rollason, Sherman, Simon, G. Snook, H. Unger, and Wisneski

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 by the President, Harley Unger.

The minutes of the 1/11/96 Meeting were approved without correction.

The Treasurer, Eve Posada, was not present. Her report was distributed, and it was noted that \$75. had been contributed in Jan. to the Donors Fund. Ted Belsky also explained that the \$450.28 indicated in the Special Events account is the result of our having had to cancel the trip to the Worcester Museum because of bad weather. The Strong Bus Co. agreed to apply to the next trip the \$450.28 that they were paid .

There were a few problems with the January program. Valentine Hall at Amherst College had set aside a dining room, hired extra help and purchased extra food for an L I R luncheon following the 1/31 program, but no one appeared. We, therefore, can expect a bill from the College. It was suggested that in the future we should deal with one person at the College and that we should get commitments from the membership before special luncheon arrangements are made. There also were problems with the projectors at Stirn Auditorium. In the future we should probably pay to have a College projectionist.

Plans for the Summer Program should start early. David Dill does not want to be the leader. Priscilla Dolloff and Eleanor Reid are considering taking on the job; David Navon volunteered to work with them. In the past a member of the Curriculum Committee has put together and chaired a subcommittee in charge of the Summer Program. The committee has included representatives of the Special Events Committee. It was suggested that in the future leaders for the Summer and Winter Programs be appointed by the Curriculum Committee with the approval of the Council.

Harley distributed copies of the 1993 revision of the Bylaws which he typed on Windows with line references. He also distributed copies of "Preliminary Bylaw Content Review" - his suggestions for 3 important Bylaw changes and 3 very important bylaw changes. In addition he distributed copies of "A Strategy for Revision of the Bylaws Minimizing Organizational Conflict."

Moved by A. Grose that a Bylaws Committee be appointed. Passed without dissent.

It was suggested that the Long Range Planning report be taken into consideration by the Bylaws Committee. It was also noted that at this point there is no active discontent with the Bylaws.

Harley asked R. Grose to serve as Bylaws Committee Chairperson.

Bob Grose suggested that the Bylaws Committee consist of 4 members plus the chairperson, that meetings be open and that the Committee report at the latest at the Oct. 10, '96 Council Meeting.

The next Newsletter will include information about the Council's Bylaws deliberations and will ask for suggestions.

The Curriculum Committee has become aware that the first 4 meetings of the seminar on Jung will be lectures. The Committee will not object. However, seminars proposed to the Committee should contain this sort of information. David Navon indicated that when he was Chairman, the Curriculum Committee voted to allow no more than 1 non-participatory seminar per semester.

Ben Bowditch reported that we have 146 paid-up members. This includes 19 new members (9 of whom joined this semester) and 8 past members who are back. There have also been nine 1-semester refunds.

The Curriculum Committee reported that 112 members have signed up for seminars. This number does not include the moderators. Two seminars have been postponed for lack of interest - Clay and Women in World War II. The numbers signed up for other seminars, excluding Moderators, are:

American History 2	14
American History 1	12
Shakespeare	8
Brushwork 2	8
Jung	15
Creative Writing	10
Films of E. M. Forster	30
Edith Wharton	14
Bible Literature	14
Autobiographical Writing	14
Watercolor	11
3rd Party in American Politics	10
Magic of Music	16

Special Events: The announcement of the Great Decisions Program was distributed. The program will be held at the Lord Jeffery Inn which is charging \$1.95. for coffee but making no charge for a meeting room that seats 60 people or for projection equipment. The cost for participants for 6 programs is \$24. per person or \$7. per individual program per person. Gerry Braunthal questioned that we should be asking the members to pay as much as \$24..Sixty percent of the cost is to pay for the videos and moderators. Membership brochures will be available at the meetings, and Mary Egginton will get information to the 5 College Bulletin.

The Finance Committee will work on a "Guide to fees and dues for members." to be sent out with registration forms.

Bob Grose suggested that a yearly calendar with dates, deadlines, etc. should be available at Registration. It could be added to the Directory or to the Newsletter.

Meetings Committee - Lora Simon. The general membership meeting will be at the end of May. Suggestions have been made that we institute social hours - possibly a coffee hour on Fri. mornings at the Field House or wine and cheese on Friday afternoons. Someone who has given a particularly good seminar paper might be invited to share it with the group, or the gathering might be purely social. The Curriculum Committee views the social hours as a means for recruiting new moderators. A proposal for a series of social hours to start next fall will be made at the April Council meeting. ✓

Ben Bowditch reported on the survey made by the Membership Committee to gain some insight into what enticed people to join L I R - in one case information from a real estate agent, but mainly urging by friends - and what prompted people to leave L I R - one member dropped out who was interested only in painting.

Karen received 10 - 15 phone calls as a result of the newspaper article. In addition to distributing brochures to real estate agents and Chambers of Commerce and having them at winter , summer and Great Decisions programs, we should probably also have sign-up sheets at the latter.

Deadline for the Newsletter is Mar. 15.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S Rollason

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