

Community Meeting Minutes

Community Meeting was called to order at 7:45 on Thursday, September 22, 1955, in the Carraige Barn.

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Attendance:

There were 142 students and 20 faculty members present at the meeting.

Announcements:

Jane Berry was announced as Community Meeting Recording Secretary.

President Burkhardt presented gifts for two 20-year employees at Bennington College, Mrs. Woodlock and Mr. Madison.

Student Fund Budget:

Susie Cremer gave a report on what the National Student Association fund provision would cover; Dee Phillips reported what money the Recreational Policies Committee would need, and Pat Kelsey told the community what money would be needed for Community Chest.

A discussion followed on the National Student Association and the budget for that committee was approved unanimously.

Discussion on the Recreational Policies Committee followed. Jean Campbell stated that it was unfair that the girls should pay both the \$4.75 for the Student Fund and then have to pay \$3.50 for the dance weekend. Dee replied that if the committee was not included in the Student Fund, they would have to be a profit organization. Kay Crawford added that the \$4.75 was not just for the Rec Council, but for the other two committees mention above also. The question of how many students attended the dance came up. It was estimated that last spring approximately 75 couples attended. Some of the community felt that since less than half of the community attended the dance, then the entire community should not be held responsible for paying for it. Dee replied that along with the evening dance was the variety show and dixieland jazz concert, which more students attended, with or without dates. Bobbie Isreal moved that students going to the dance should pay separately and that the other functions of dance weekends be supported by the entire community. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was denied. After more discussion explaining that the budget was worthwhile, the Recreational Policies Committee budget was voted upon and accepted by the Community. Discussion on the Community Chest was held, and a motion to pass the budget was made. When voted upon, the motion was carried. Since all three budgets were approved by the Community, an assessment of \$4.75 for each student will be collected in the middle of October to cover these budgets, to be known as the Student Fund.

Other business:

Dr. Burkhardt told the community the story behind the article in the October 1st issue of the Saturday Evening Post, and suggested that no student write to the magazine. A discussion on the pros and cons of an article such as this followed. A motion that the discussion be closed

was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Ann Berry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jane Ann Berry
Recording Secretary

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Lisa Starr
Executive Secretary