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Bennington College
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9th 1940

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room on Monday, September 9th. Present were: Mary Berna, chairman; Molly Stimson; Florence Booker; Joan Strong; Joan Hyatt; Dorothy Coffin; Carol Haines; Miss Godsill; Mr. Leigh; Mr. Truman; Mr. Chapman; Jean Davidson; Lydia Schoepperle; Ruth Mc Cormick and Helen Cummings for Nancy Victor.

Election of Secretary of the Community Council

Mary Berna, chairman, brought the meeting to order by telling the Council that the position of secretary of the Council was vacant. Nominations were then in order. Joan Strong was nominated for the position and the Council elected her by a unanimous vote.

Student Collectors for the Spring Term

Mary Berna read out the list of collectors that were appointed by Charlotte Watson, student treasurer. The Council voted to approve the list. Since one house had been omitted from the list, the Council decided to give the house chairman the authority to appoint a collector from her house. *See page 11 #*

Meal Tickets

Since the former policy of having meal tickets for guests was not operating satisfactorily, it was decided to adopt this new system: students who are having guests need only call Mrs. Hill to reserve a table before 12:30 for lunch and before 6:00 for dinner. Guests who arrive after the reservation deadlines are liable to be refused admittance. This procedure was developed in order to prevent the dining-rooms from being unexpectedly overwhelmed at mealtimes.

Wednesday House Meeting

It was decided to hold the first formal house meeting of the year on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. It was suggested that house chairmen invite their faculty advisors to attend this meeting.

Faculty as House Advisors

Mr. Truman gave house chairmen a written explanation of the functions of faculty advisors in student houses. See page 11 #. He suggested that even though these functions were clearly defined in this paper, the house chairmen might talk with the faculty in their houses and see if they wanted to work out other arrangements with them. Mr. Leigh then suggested that the following procedure be adopted by the Council concerning faculty advisors: the Council should each term make out reports of the faculty advisors. The new Council next term would thus make out a report so that Mr. Leigh could use the opinions of both Council to help him when he evaluates how effective the faculty were in their houses.

Guiding

Margaret Dudley, secretary to the Educational Policies Committee, read out a proposal concerning student guiding. In main it outlined a system whereby guiding would be done on a volunteer basis by members of student committees. For full details see page 12.

Driving Licenses

Miss Godsill read the list of the people who had applied for driving licenses. the list was approved by the Council. see page 14. House chairmen were also asked get a list in the next house meeting of all the people in their house who owned cars.

Milk List

It was thought that a good way to save money was to keep checking the milk consumed so that no milk would be wasted. House chairmen were urged to keep track of who did and who didn't drink their milk.

Liquor Policy Committee

Mary Berna read out a report concerning the purpose and past activities of the Liquor Policy Committee. See page 13. She recommended that a new committee be formed to investigate further the matter of the liquor policy. The Council, acting on this recommendation, appointed the following people:

Faith Richardson
Dorothy Coffin
Florence Booker
Helen Cummings
Mr. Truman

Mr. Newcombe was suggested as the other faculty member

Central Committee

Dorothy Coffin announced that house chairmen should let the Committee know in advance if they wanted to attend the meeting. If no house chairman had any business to bring before the meeting, the Committee would still appoint someone in advance to act as rotating member.

Sitting late at the dinner table

House chairmen were asked to tell their houses not to linger around the dinner table after they had finished their meal. Sitting around late inconvenienced the waitresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Winter, acting secretary