

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1941

The Community Council met in the committee dining room on Tuesday, October 14th. Present were: Ann Mills, chairman; Lucille Bloch; Teresa Blumberg; Theodora Boothby; Margaret Brush; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Anna Frothingham; Nancy Hemill; Eleanor Metcalf; Priscilla Sherman; Edith Stevens; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. McCamy and Mr. Tucker.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Margaret Brush submitted the report that has been presented to the President on the Infirmary and gave suggestions as to what could be done for a new one. It was suggested by the Health Committee that Cricket Hill be turned over into a new infirmary with a few changes and the Nursery School be moved into the Chicken Coop. The drama division then could take over the rooms in the Commons vacated by Dr. Chassel and the infirmary until a better place was provided. It was thought that if the infirmary were moved the dispensary would not be used as much as it has been because it would be harder to get to. Perhaps one office could be kept in the Commons. Margaret Brush asked the Council to tell their houses that Dr. Hagar should not be called at night. She said that if anyone needed a nurse they could call the infirmary and if no one answered they could call switchboard or the policeman and either place would always know how to reach one.

RED CROSS KNITTING

Ann Mills told the Council that the Red Cross of Bennington needed help in knitting and she suggested that a knitting Head be elected in each house to organize the knitters. The Council was asked to give the name of the head knitter of each house to Ann Mills.

GODDARD COLLEGE

A letter was read from Goddard College asking the Council if they would like to participate in a conference such as the one that was going to be held last year. It stated that six colleges were going to be represented in New York on the 27th and 28th of October to discuss progressive college Community Councils. Eleanor Metcalf volunteered to go and Ann Mills agreed to appoint two others.

COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

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As a result of the meeting last Tuesday in which the personnel and function of all student committees were discussed the following suggestions were sent to the Council from the E.P.C. 1) It was suggested that the Council and Faculty choose the slate for this Committee and in that way the members would be responsible to the Council rather than to the students of each division, thereby cutting down the feeling of divisionalism. However it was felt that perhaps the Council would not pick as good a candidate. This plan will be discussed again.

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- 2) It was also suggested that the sub-committee from each division be made up of Majors, Trial-Majors and non -Majors and in that way there would be a good cross section of students who were taking courses in each field.
- 3) The E.P.C. suggested that to centralize the committees they might all meet together once a month to do the general planning. This would include the E.P. C., the Community Council, the Recreation Council, the General Meetings Committee and would therefore make a rather large meeting. From the Council came the following suggestions: 1) That the House Secretaries Council become more of a functioning body. It was thought that this committee might take over the duties that the Central Committee now performs such as checking the signout slips, giving out college licenses, and handling infraction of the standards. At this point the Central Committee offered several suggestions, 1) That Mrs. Gerrattis secretary attend the Central Committee meetings since she was the person who kept the records and the one who wrote the minutes. 2) It was thought that the two Rotating Council members were not necessary. The Central Committee could rather call in a girls House Chairman of counselor, depending on the case, instead of having different Council members every week. The necessity of a faculty member was mentioned. This discussion will be carried on next week.

HOUSE MEETINGS

The following points were to be brought up at house meetings. It should be stressed that every student sign out personally, and correctly and put, as nearly as possible, the correct time that she is getting back. The College is not responsible for money left in bureau drawers and has provided a lock for safety. The keys may be obtained from the Comptrollers office. There has been a feeling in the Community that they have not been told of the reorganization of committees and it was thought that this could be discussed at the next house meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Stevens