

Bennington College
November 19th, 1941

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1941

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room Tuesday, November 11th. Present were: Ann Mills, chairman; Lucile Bloch; Tennessee Blumberg; Margaret Brush; Muriel Cummings; Anna Frothingham; Pearl Friedman, for Theodora Boothby; Nancy Hamill; Eleanor Metcalf; Priscilla Sherman; Edith Stevens; Ann Whitelaw; Mrs. Gerritt; Miss Shelley and Mr. McCamy.

GUEST SLIPS AND OUT-OF-TOWN

Ann Mills brought to the attention of the Council the fact that some members of the Community have been very negligent about their out-of-town slips. It was noted that out-of-town slips were a convenience to the records office when they wished to reach a student who was away, therefore students should try to give more exact information as to where they expected to be while they were off campus, and if for any reason they found that they could not be back on time they should let the switchboard know by telegram just when they would be back. Ann Mills also told the council that people had been putting the names of their guests on the check-in slip instead of filling out a guest slip and taking it to the switchboard. This should be done as soon as possible after the guest arrives. There has also been some confusion about emergency slips. The Council was asked to tell the members of their houses that when an emergency slip was filled out both the house chairman of the lender and the borrowed should sign it. Then these should be given to Lucile Bloch, the secretary of the Central Committee.

FANS FOR THE LOUNGE

Mr. McCamy reported on what he had found out about some fans for ventilating the Lounge during a discussion period. He said that there were fans obtainable that would ventilate the room with a minimum of noise and he said that he would see Mr. Bachorn and something would be done.

CAMPAIGN FOR WAR ECONOMY AT BENNINGTON

Miss Shelley told the Council that she thought a campaign on campus to save crucial materials would be a very good idea now when so many students want to know what they can do towards defence. The things that are of the most importance are power, labor, oil and paper. It was suggested that the campaign be named "Econ" and that a chairman be chosen who would carry on the campaign. Janet Frey was chosen chairman and it was suggested that Joan Hinton, Frank Berna, Nancy Hirose and be on the committee as people who could help with Science, Art and Limerics. There will be a special college week for the campaign as well as some skits to acquaint the college with the fact that there is a drive to conserve these materials. Newspaper and tinfoil were two things that people are beginning to collect already.

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PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY MEETING

Ann Mills told the Council of her plans for the Community Meeting which should have been held on November 13th.

- 1) the history of reorganization.
 - 2) What work has been done.
 - 3) Presentation of the diagram.
 - 4) Choose a committee to draw up a new constitution.
- However because there was so little opposition to the plans that were presented in House Meetings last week it was thought that there was really no need for the Community Meeting this week and that it would really be better to wait until after Thanksgiving when a new constitution could be presented to the Community. It was therefore decided that the committee already formed which had been working on the reorganization be called together to draw up a new constitution which would be presented to the Community at a Community Meeting after Thanksgiving.

REPORT ON DEFENSE PROGRAM CONFERENCE

Ann Mills gave a brief report on what was learned at the Defense Conference that was held November 10th in Wellesley. She said that most of the women's colleges were not doing very much. In fact, not as much as Bennington. It was thought that the Plan campaign would do very much in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Stevens