

Bennington College  
October 2, 1940

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 1940

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room on Tuesday, October 1st. Present were: Mary Berna, chairman; Florence Booker; Dorothy Coffin; Carol Haines; Joan Hyatt; Ruth MacCormick; Lydia Schoepperle; Molly Stinson; Nancy Vactor; Susan Winter; Jean Davidson; Joan Strong; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Chapman and Mr. Truman.

Driving Licenses\*\*applications

Additional names of applicants for driving tests were presented to the Council for approval. It seems that the intermediate step of approving names in the Council before tests are taken is unnecessary and ineffective. The recommendation was accepted that this step be eliminated, and that the Central Committee report to the Council only after driving tests. The Council approved the names of applicants before accepted (see page 29) as well as those submitted this week, which are Nancy Dodge and Pamela Tower.

Community Chest Budget: presentation to the Community

The question arose as to whether or not a meeting should be called for the presentation of the Budget to the Community. It was decided that the Council should omit the meeting, and it will be the responsibility of house chairmen to explain the purpose of the Gift Fund in the houses. Higher contributions are to be encouraged.

Organization of the coming Election

There is to be a program in the Carriage Barn, sponsored by the Recreation Council, on election night. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided between announcements by Mr. Leigh of election returns. Tickets will be sold for the beer served, and members of the community may not bring their own beer.

Mr. Leigh has suggested that in addition to the scheduled talks by the Social Studies Faculty on subjects related to the election, there be an arrangement for local speakers. However, it was mentioned that the idea of having outsiders come for a rally, not taken seriously by the community, was inadvisable because of the relation between the town and college. This more entertaining aspect of the program should be reserved for the community alone.

It was also suggested that a group be appointed to have charge of the election meetings program, since this duty is outside the realm of the E. P. C. and Recreation Council. A proposal was made that Katrina Voorhees and the Evening Meetings Committee handle the program, assisted by Peggy Dudley.

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Liquor Policy: report on decisions of last week

Since the Council accepted last week a recommendation to permit the service of light wines or beer in the Carriage Barn by ~~groups~~ <sup>individuals</sup> other than those formally scheduled, a summary of the decision has been drawn up to be presented to the community. This was read by Dorothy Coffin and accepted by the Council. (see page 35) The student houses are included in the classification of "college organization" and accordingly may reserve the Carriage Barn for specific entertainments. The report of the Council decision is to be explained in house meetings this week, and the new policy will go into effect as soon as announced. The importance of a clear explanation of the Liquor Policy cannot be overstressed.

House Meetings

It was recommended that additional meetings be held to fully explain the Community Standards to the freshmen and to check up on the effectiveness of freshman meetings. Recommendations may be obtained in this way for the improvement of registration week next year. It was mentioned that there is a tendency for new members of the college to feel that no-one is interested in individuals on campus. In house meetings this week, there is an opportunity to emphasize the responsibility of freshmen to the community and the presence of real interest in their welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Strong, secretary