

Bennington College  
November 28, 1940

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 19th, 1940

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room on Tuesday, November 19th. Present were: Mary Berna, chairman; Florence Booker; Dorothy Coffin; Carol Haines; Joan Hyatt; Audrey Schwenk for Ruth McCormick; Lydia Schopperle; Molly Stimson; Lucille Bloch for Nancy Victor; Susan Winter; Jean Davidson; Joan Strong; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Chapman and Mr. Truman. Charlotte Watson, Sue Hedge and Susan Sigourney came in at 1:30.

Carryover for the Incoming Council

The Chairman opened the meeting with the question of the carryover for the next council. ~~Every member of the present Council will be involved in some phase of organizing this carryover.~~ Mr. Leigh has suggested that the Council draw up a plan for Registration Week based on the recommendations recently assembled. This will provide for clarity and efficiency, but will be difficult to organize along with the more immediate carryover problems. A solution presented was to have the Registration Week recommendations managed by a sub-committee chosen from this Council to serve in that capacity next semester.

The problems to be considered by the Council in relation to the carryover are: ~~time schedule of business~~

- 1) A rough ~~outline of outstanding problems~~ for the incoming council to consider,
- 2) outlines by house chairmen of experiences during their terms of office,
- 3) revision of the Procedure.

Community Chest

A report was brought in by the Community Chest Committee on the precedent of the Chest in submitting appeals to the Council before taking action on them. The following information was presented:

- 1) Community Chest activities, other than those pertaining to the college budget, have been restricted to national organizations.
- 2) The Chest has reserved the right to turn down those appeals which it did not wish to undertake.
- 3) The consent of the Council has been necessary before appeals were acted on.
- 4) House to house canvassing has only been carried on when sanctioned by the Chest.

It was suggested by the Council that the restriction of Chest activities to national organizations was unnecessary. The Chest is to sort all appeals at its discretion, but all sanctions must be reported to the Council for approval before action is taken. A notice should also be posted explaining such appeals to the community.

It was decided that all canvassing drives must be reported to the Council, and that student collectors should handle house to house canvassing. A box may be provided in the store for appeals submitted to the Chest Committee.



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The bylaws pertaining to the Community Chest will be revised by the Committee, and the Student Treasurer, to include these changes, and will be submitted to the Council at the next meeting.

Student Treasurer: relation to the Community Chest Committee

Charlotte Watson brought up the question of her official relation to Community Chest. Formerly the Treasurer has been considered a member of the Chest, and it was previously decided that she would also be treasurer of other college groups, such as the publication. Charlotte Watson recommended that a more accurate statement of the Student Treasurer's function be included in the bylaws.

The Community Chest Committee will draw up the issues here stated in the form ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~bylaws~~.

Central Committee

A questionnaire on the effectiveness of the new liquor policy was distributed to the house chairmen. These are to be filled out and returned to the Central Committee before the next Council meeting.

Driving Licenses

Joan Stockard and Ann Whiteley have been approved by the Central Committee for driving licenses, but have since taken their cars home. It was decided that their applications would be suspended for the time being.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joan Strong, secretary