

Bennington College
June 4th, 1941

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, June 3rd, 1941

The Community Council met in the committee dining room Tuesday, June 3rd, 1941. Present were Ann Mills: chairman; Lucille Bloch; Teressa Blumbers; Theodora Boothby; Nancy Cole; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Nancy Hamill; Eleanor Metcalf; Priscilla Sherman; Margaret Brush; Edith Stevens; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Charman; Mr. Truman and Anne Frothingham as the new house chairman of Welling.

BUDGET

Audrey Schwenk presented the budget for 1941-42 to the Council for approval. This was a general estimate of income and expenses for next year. It was approved by the Council.

CONFERENCE ON RELIEF

Ann Mills read a letter from Smith College inviting two members of the college Community to attend a conference next fall on Relief. The Council was very much in favor of this proposal and Ann Mills, Edith Stevens, and Ann Wickes were tentative suggestions as delegates.

CATHOLIC QUESTIONNAIRE

The Council received a note from Miss Grimwood asking that she be allowed to ask the eight catholic students of the college to help her in filling out a questionnaire. The Council sent their approval.

RESULTS OF HOUSE MEETINGS

The Council was very anxious to find out how the Community felt about the new proposal for registration week. After pooling the votes by houses, it was found that the majority of the Community were for trying this experiment. It was not an overwhelming majority and the Council felt that they should keep very close watch on the results of this new plan to determine whether it was satisfactory or not.

COMMUNITY MEETING

There were two points to be brought up in the Community Meeting. First of all that this new plan was going to be tried and secondly that there have been fewer applications for early leave than ever before. The Central Committee is going to bring up the fact that since the last Community Meeting there have been fewer cases of infringement than ever before.

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REGISTRATION WEEK

The committee working on the plan for next year's Registration Week presented their tentative schedule for freshmen next year. The Council was in favor of the plan of the schedule for Wednesday which consisted of signing in at Mrs. Garret's office, a freshman meeting with Mr. Leigh who would explain the Junior Division, followed by house meetings which would cover the rules and standards of the college. Thursday's schedule began with a meeting with registration advisors followed by four divisional meetings. The entire freshman body was to meet each division as one group. However, the Council did not approve this plan. They felt that the students got more out of smaller meetings and smaller question periods. This was not at all in keeping with what this year's freshmen had wanted. Therefore this proposal will be taken back to the E.P.C. for further discussion. Friday consisted of the rest of the divisional meetings and conferences with registration advisors and E.P.C. representatives. Saturday were tests and inter-house parties. Sunday there would be a Community Meeting for the whole community and Monday there would be tests while the older students were filling out their programs and Tuesday classes would begin. The Council was in favor of the rest of the program and the point about divisional meetings will be brought up next week.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Stevens