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Bennington College
April 5, 1941

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 1st, 1941

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room on Tuesday, April 1st. Present were: Ann Mills, Chairman; Lucille Block; Teressa Blumberg; Theodora Boothby; Lilas Babson for Margaret Brush; Nancy Cole; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Nancy Hamill; Eleanor Metcalf; Pricilla Sherman; Edith Stevens; Miss Godsill for Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Chapman; Mr. Truman and Miss Shelley.

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMITTEE

Miss Shelley asked the Council for any suggestions they might have to offer concerning the General Meetings Committee. She said that that committee had been formed about three years ago and that they wondered if the Council had any ideas as to how it could be improved. She thought that the Council might think this over and give the General Meetings Committee a report in about a month. She told the Council something about how the evening meetings were planned and how any suggestions were handled. She wondered if the choices had been good or if the lectures should be related more to specific fields. She also asked the Council if they thought that there were any merits in having a series rather than disconnected lectures. Both types have been tried as well as all kinds of time arrangements, but she thought that the Council might have some other suggestions. "Did the Council think that this was a good piece of machinery?" "Did the Council think the representatives from the student body were chosen well?" The Council thought that they might approve the student candidates to the Evening Meetings Committee. It was noted that the E.P.C. set up the slate for this committee but it was considered that the Council might have a chance to review before it was passed. This point should be brought up in house meetings next week.

Mr. Truman then asked if anything had been done about getting philosophy students to lead discussions after the present series of evening meetings. Three students were sent to see Miss Patterson who would help choose students and houses where these meetings were to be held and these details would be announced after the next evening meeting. There was also a discussion as to whether there would be a 5:10 meeting on "College and War" and it was decided that this meeting should be run by students who felt definitely one way or the other on this question. A committee was formed to find people who would be willing to form a panel on this matter and to present their views on the subject of "College and War" to the Community. (see page)

BUDGET

Audrey Schwenk, student treasurer, presented the budget for the spring of 1941 and it was accepted as read. (see page) She also presented the names of student collectors chosen to fill recent vacancies. They were approved by the Council. (see page)

NEW DINING ROOM PROCEDURES

A memorandum was sent to the Council by Dr. Chassell stating that students had become lax in telephoning Mrs. Hill when they expected guests for a meal in the dining rooms. It was suggested that Mrs. Hill be notified in the Blue Pantry by 12:00 or by 5:00 if a table was to be reserved. However, it was noted that no one was in the Blue Pantry at either time and that perhaps it would be better to call the North Suites or change the time limit. The notice was sent back for further information.

SECRETARIES COUNCIL

Nancy Cole volunteered to be the Council's representative at the Secretaries Council which is going to meet regularly once a month this term.

SILO

Lucille Bloch announced that the Silo needs more material for the spring issue and it was suggested that the house chairmen might assist in collecting any material from their houses and handing it to the Silo board.

PARENTS' VISITING DAY

It was suggested that there be designated a day set aside for a Parents' Visiting Day on which all faculty members will be available for any parents who care to talk about either social or educational questions. It was noted that some parents do not feel at home in the Pennington College Community and that perhaps such a day or weekend might promote parent-college relationship.

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MEMORIAL FOR DR. McCULLOUGH

There was much discussion of what would be a good memorial for Dr. McCullough and since no agreement could be reached it was decided to start to collect the money and later appoint a committee to consult with Mrs. Garrett and then decide what will be done with the fund. This collection will be entirely separate from the Community Chest and will be held next week beginning with an announcement in the College Week. There will be a box placed in the store beginning next Tuesday, April 8th and will remain there for one week. It was to be stressed that all contributions are voluntary. The money collected will be kept by the student treasurer in the name of the Council.

Easter vacation
~~CENTRAL COMMITTEE~~

Lucille Bloch announced that there had been a feeling in the Community for an Easter Vacation corresponding to the Thanksgiving Vacation. However the Council did not feel that it was in their hands to decide and it was referred to Executive Committee for their consideration. This might go into effect next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Stevens

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The following changes have been made in Collectors:

Rebecca Stickney	replaces	Ann Mills	in	Bingham House
Josephine Swift	"	Faith Richardson	in	Booth "
Ruth Kieser	"	A. Chatfield-	Taylor	in Canfield "
Nancy Buckeley	"	Jeanne Michaels	for	Faculty