Policies on Terms of Membership

In October 1997, a meeting was announced to the general public, inviting them to attend the organization of an association for continuing education for senior retired people of Southeastern Wisconsin.

At that meeting, several speakers from other Institutes for Learning in Retirement (Wauwatosa, Milwaukee) told about their organizations, and described their programs. Then Ben Chemerow presented the thoughts and ideas of a group the Parkside Community regarding the development of a similar group here.

Questionnaires were distributed, and people checked the subjects in which they were interested.

On that first day, thirty-five people turned in checks for $35. What faith! To a group not yet officially formed and only vague plans for programming.

Patti Deihl and her Curriculum Committee went to work, and presented our first weekly lecture on January 26, 1998.

By June, we had adopted by-laws and elected officers, and put a Board of Directors in place. It was decided, to the mutual satisfaction and relief of both the membership and the Curriculum Committee, to cut back to lectures only twice a month.

Since people had paid dues on the basis of weekly lectures, and we were reducing the offerings, the Board decided that all members registered October through December, 1997, would have their 12-month membership period extended to July 1, 1998. Thereafter, all memberships would have to be renewed at the end of the 12-month year. There were 120 members whose start-dates were so affected.

Other Terms of Membership:

Late Dues
When a member sends in his renewal check, after the due date (this happens when people are out of town, are ill, or just plain forgot) we record the date of renewal as the time indicated on the renewal notice. Members do not get credit for the time elapsed between renewal date and the actual paid date.
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Resignations and refunds
Any request for refunding of membership dues must be made in writing, and go before the Board for disposition. Generally, the membership fees are not refundable. On the other hand, there are cases in which there might be justification for refunding. Each case is to be judged on its own merit.

Parking permits
Persons who join ALL in May will be given complimentary Parking Permits for May and June. They will have to purchase a new permit as of July 1.

Special, unusual cases
All such cases should be reviewed by officers of the Board before deciding outcomes.
• One couple lives in Arizona 9 months of the year and comes back to Racine for just the summer months. It was decided to charge each of them half-a-years dues.
• One member must be accompanied by a companion. It was decided to charge each of them dues.