MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

8/2/93

The Special Projects Committee met in St. Hyacinth, Quebec, on Sunday, August 2, 1992, at 1:00 PM. The following members were in attendance, constituting a quorum:

Lee Smith Barbara Kulicke

Bob Bruyn Cece Forrester

Larry Watkins.

Ticky Harries (adjunct)

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

This project was established in 1988. Of the 32 one-time Forum members still living, to date only one has been interviewed, Dr. Kenton Stephens, interviewed on video tape by Bill Rocap. Cece Forrester reported that Mariann Rowley has declined to participate in this history project. Barbara Kulieke had planned to interview Ruth Renn but she does not wish to be contacted either. Larry Mullins and Eric Cosh are also working on a video tape of Meredith Sprunger and his early experience with the clation. doesn't have the fund sat this time. Revelation.

We concluded that the major difficulty is that many Forumites may feel there will be an attempt to pry secrets from them and that we must do some work beforehand to make them more receptive to the project. Also, the lack of contact with the Forumites may be due to the lack of people willing or able to handle these interviews. Most of the Forumites are located in either the Chicago area or in Florida.

Larry Watkins drafted a letter to be sent to Forumites explaining that the Oral History Project and Fellowship Archives are underway and making progress and that we are looking for their input.

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RESOURCE GUIDE OF SECONDARY WORKS:

This is the oldest project held by our committee, originating in a 1985 TDA resolution. An updated Resource Guide was made available just prior to this conference. The number of listings in the second edition was almost 40 percent more than the first. Credit goes to Matthew Block, Cece Forrester, and Carolyn Kendall for completing the timely update. In the future we intend to update the Resource Guide before each international conference.

· Grace Walker

ARCHIVES LIBRARY:

An Archives historical data base containing letters, newsletters, etc. from early days of the movement is to be established. The donation of files and records from early readers will be requested.

RESOURCE LIBRARY:

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It has been decided to put prefabricated book shelving in the side room of the Fellowship offices to

We would like to find a small library control system that could implement bar coding to control the movement of materials as well. movement of materials as well.

- Berbers and Cece will work to set up a constro 6 system. Also will check with BOL to get

OTHER BUSINESS:

The computer system (486, 50 MHZ, 1.2GB) and scanner have been purchased. Installation and training the staff in its use will begin in the fall of this year after the work relating to IC93 has subsided. John Hales and Matthew Block will be trained primarily for scanning documents since this is work that must be done locally. Other volunteers will be trained to help with the other work the system can be put to. Procedures must be established for training.

Projects for computerization will be the minutes from General Council meetings, from the Executive Committee, and possibly from the various other committees, in that sequence.

Following the computerization of this information, it was felt that short biographies of each General Council member would be valuable. Scanned photos of early events could also be input.

Procedures must be established for backing up the system and its data periodically.

Once the bulk of the back data is loaded, we would like to see the Resource Library and Bulletins from previous years accessible to outside users by MODEM.

The Special Projects Committee meeting concluded at about 2:30 PM.