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## McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION

## COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 2nd, 1986 Fyfe Room, Divinity College

Present: Doug Allaby, Dorothy Jacobs, Bill Langton, Bill Mac-

Pherson, Enid Malcolmson, Norah McCallion, Les Prince,

Don Shepherd, Stuart Winn

Regrets: Bob Connolly, Al Snaith

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. Stuart Winn's name was added to those present. Moved by Stuart Winn and seconded by Les Prince. Carried.

1. The Secretary reported on our financial situation:

(i) Canterbury Hills Dinner costs: Dinner \$645.70

Wine 90.75

Total: 736.45

50 attended x \$14 for a total of \$700 received, leaving a shortfall of \$36.45.

- (ii) To November 30th, 1986, 195 members have paid the \$10 membership fee (\$1950).
- (iii) Bank balances to the end of November 1986:

General account \$1916.80

New Horizons account \$3091.21

- 2. Additional information is expected from Telecommunications in the new year regarding a telephone answering system for our office in Gilmour Hall.
- 3. Members expressed thanks to Stuart Winn for having asked Mr. George Feleki to act as the Association's photographer. Mr. Feleki will be reimbursed for his expenses. He will be asked at the Christmas party if he would consider taking some black and white pictures with the possibility of using them in our newsletter.
- 4. To date, 64 have paid or indicated they will attend the Christmas party on December 4th. The West Room will be reserved to take care of any possible overflow and where the refreshments will be served. Jack Wade will arrange with the Faculty Club for 80 people. He will suggest that the filo pasty not be included as it is too difficult to handle as a 'finger food'. We will break for refreshments about 9:30 and resume dancing from 10:30 to about 11:15.

  Three or four volunteers have offered Jack Wade to decorate the tree.

## 5. Benefits:

The President has talked to Fred Hopkinson, Director of Personnel Services regarding the Major Medical coverage. Because the policy number has changed, new I.D. cards are expected to be issued.

A Committee of two or three to be appointed to review our coverage with the Benefits Administrator requesting the inclusion of such expenses as dentures, bridges, etc. The matter of partial eye glass coverage for faculty retirees should be included as well. This benefit is currently enjoyed by support staff.

The formula for early retirees and those already retired should be looked into.

## 6. Learned Societies Conference mailing:

About (31) have volunteered to help out between January 5 and 16 to do the labelling and sorting.

It was agreed no parking charge should be made for those who do not have a parking sticker. This to be discussed with Mr. Emberley.

- In response to an appeal in our newsletter for translators, three retirees have been in touch with Dr. Roland Hannah, History of Medicine Professor.
- 8. Enid Butler, who is on disability and therefore not actually a retiree, will be put on a special list. She is in Ward 3Z Room 12 at MUMC. She would appreciate a ride to Burlington to spend Christmas. Les Prince has kindly offered. Many thanks, Les.

If any member knows of any similar situation, please contact Les or Stuart or for that matter any Council member.

- 9. Our Phone Committee should be reactivated with a Committee Chairman to oversee captains who would be responsible for phoning a "block" of names prior to an upcoming event.
- 10. We briefly discussed what is our 'year'. As our annual meeting is in May, we agreed it would be appropriate that the Association's fiscal year be from May 1 to April 30. In light of this, new retirees receiving our letter between, say, January and April, will not be asked to pay fees at

that time, but we will ask for fee payment commencing in May for the fiscal year. Our newsletter prior to the annual meeting will ask members to mail in or pay at the meeting.

11. No date has been set for our next Council meeting. Members will be contacted in January.