McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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McMaster Retirees Association Executive Committee Tuesday, 04 August, 1987 at Noon Fyfe Room, Divinity College

PRESENT: Bob Connally, Bill Langton, Bill MacPherson (Chairman), Les Prince Don Shepherd, Blythe Williams and Stuart Winn.

REGRETS: Doug Allaby, Dorothy Jacobs, Nora McCallion.

The minutes of the 14 July, 1987 were adopted, with the inclusion of Stuart Winn's name as attending that meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Canterbury Hills Dinner

The date was confirmed as Thursday 17 September, 1987 at 5.00 PM for pre-dinner sherry and dinner at 6.15 PM. It was agreed that the cost should be \$16.00 per person. Friends of retirees are also welcome. We will stress this point in the next Newsletter. Hopefully a number of people will come early to Canterbury Hills to enjoy the scenery, take walks, etc.

Don Shepherd reported that he has to date not been able to contact Dr. "Chuck" Johnston re our invitation to him to act as our guest speaker. He will continue to pursue this. If Dr. Johnston cannot join us we will ask Dr. John Weaver, a fellow historian and Chairman of McMaster's Centennial Committee.

2. <u>Participation in School of Nursing Student Evaluation Exercise.</u>
The dates will be sometime in November and December. Details to be confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Up-date re Paid-up Membership

Bill MacPherson reported that we already have 127 paid-up memberships for 1987-88, and more are arriving by each mail. This is an encouraging response. He also noted that over 75% of the respondents to our last newsletter questionnaire would like a Fall bus trip.

2. Fall Bus Trip: Details

Blyth Williams reported that he has reserved twenty (20) seats on a tour bus, for a tour of the colourful countryside in the Halton Hills area. The date: Thursday, 15 October, 1987. The price is \$34.00 which includes lunch.

A notice will be sent to all members who indicated a desire to participate in a Fall 'bus outing. This event will also be noted in our next Newsletter.

3. Commonwealth Games, 1992

Stuart Winn and Les Prince reported that they have met with Mr. Dan Pugliesi, Administrator, Education Services at McMaster. Dan is also on the Hamilton Planning Committee for the Games. If Hamilton is successful in being confirmed as the host city for the Games this will produce a \$21 million benefit to the University with major capital building extensions to the University's track and field areas. There will be very many areas in which retirees can devote useful and interesting input to the planning and development of this important event.

Les Prince noted that the McMaster Lettermen's Association is also being asked to participate and our Association would in all liklihood work closely with them in a number of promotional activities to be undertaken in the coming months. Les and Stuart will be attending a meeting of the Lettermens' Executive on 31 August and will report back to us at our next meeting, on 08 September, 1987.

4. Corn Roast: Proposed August Event.

Bob Connally and Bill Langton have spoken with Food Services re the costs of organizing such an event in late August. Discussion ensued on whether this event should be offered free, or via a token charge. The latter won out. The charge will be \$2.00 per person. Stuart Winn was asked to check re availability of the President's House in late August. (Subsequently a booking has been made for this event, to be held on Wednesday, 26 August, 1987 at the President's House, 6 PM - 10 PM.)
Blyth Williams agreed to have his 'phone # used to indicate which members will be attending this event i.e. 385-4321. The only notice to members will be via the upcoming Newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Bill MacPherson referred to a letter received recently from the Ministry of Health and Welfare re the Horizons Program. He will complete the data required on an attached questionnaire and return this to the Ministry. Thankfully we are not being asked to return any money!
- 2. <u>Don Shepherd</u> announced that Togo Salmon is in hospital at MUMC. He has recently had back surgery and is progressing well. Stuart Winn and Les Prince will visit Togo during the coming week.
- 3. Stuart Winn spoke re the urgent need to develop a MASTER listing of members' names, addresses and telephone numbers. Personnel Services is able to produce such a listing but concern has been expressed that some members might wish to keep their telephone numbers confidential. It was agreed that Stuart would draft a note to all members requesting that, should anyone wish us not to have access to their telephone number, to so indicate to us right away. If this is done we will, in all likatihood, have access to the listing and so eliminate a lot of timewasting "digging" for telephone numbers in local directories when trying to communicate with our members re various Association activities. The listing would be updated for us by Personnel Services from time to time. It was agreed that the note to members should carry Bill MacPherson's signature and be attached to the next Newsletter.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 08 September, 1987 at Noon in the Fyfe Room.