

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12th, 1988, at 1:00 p.m.  
Fyfe Room, Divinity College

Present: Bob Connolly, Dorothy Jacobs, Bill MacPherson, Don Shepherd, Blythe Williams

Regrets: Doug Allaby, Bill Langton, Norah McCallion, Les Prince, Stuart Winn

It was moved and seconded by Blythe Williams and Bob Connolly respectively, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Carried.

Business arising:

1. The response to the Christmas party was disappointing. Our costs were about \$300 more than the total collected. It was agreed that when the Telephone Committee is organized, better contact can be made with our members to encourage them to come out to our events. Bob Connolly was given an up to date list of members from which to work.
2. Blythe Williams brought in some brochures on the Shaw Festival. Some matinee dates are already sold out. However, on Tuesday, September 13th there is a special matinee of Peter Pan. Blythe was given the go ahead to reserve a block of 40 seats and will report back at our next meeting.
3. There is nothing further to report on the letter from Personnel to Mr. MacFarlane re larger quarters for the Association.

New Business:

1. A sheet on projected costs for 1988 was handed out. We discussed suggestions on cost cutting. Increasing the annual fee may be one solution and/or encouraging more members to pay the annual fee. The Phone Committee would no doubt be a great help in this area.
2. A date for our Annual Meeting in May will be decided at Council's next meeting. We will inquire about having a microphone set up.
3. For some events this year, Blythe will "ask around" to see

what space is available and the cost to hold events between May and September, indoors and out. A barbeque in June was suggested - a date to be decided at our next meeting. A garage sale was another idea proposed to see if we could raise some money. Other thoughts were to have a Las Vegas night, or perhaps, an afternoon of bowling.

4. The Canterbury Hills dinner, so far, has been a popular event and it was decided to plan another for this September
5. The next newsletter's contents will be decided on at the next meeting.
6. Bob Connolly will find out from Telecommunications the cost(s) for an answering machine for the office.
7. At next Council meeting, we will discuss and offer nominations for new members of Council to be voted on at the Annual meeting.
8. Blythe raised the question of to whom to send a sympathy card in the death of a retiree. Council agreed that it should be sent to the surviving spouse or next of kin.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Divinity College.