McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 18, 1989, 1:00 p.m. Fyfe Room, Divinity College

Present: Charlie Cook, Winn Cramm, Janet Fawcett, Dorothy

Jacobs, Bill Langton, Bill MacPherson, Fumi Miyasaka,

Les Prince, Don Shepherd, Blythe Williams

Regrets: Doug Allaby, Norah McCallion, Stuart Winn

A motion was made by Les Prince, seconded by Charlie Cook, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business arising:

- 1. A letter from Liz Reeves, Sacretary, School of Nursing, was read acknowledging with thanks the Association's offer to contribute up to \$100 towards the cost of shipping medical textbooks overseas.
- 2. No report on parking permits for retirees. The President and Vice-President will meet again with Ken Post.
- 3. At a meeting with Ken Post, the Association's need for an alternate office was discussed. Sharing office space with the part-time student office (MAPS) was discussed. but thought not to be workable arrangement. Ken will be asked to check with Wilf Ward, Space Allocations Officer for possible office space.
- 4. Les reported that he has received two phone calls expressing appreciation to the volunteers who helped with the recent OSCE.
- 5. Janet Fawcett reported on the progress the Phone Committee has made. Lists of eight to ten have been given to several callers she and Marj Westoby have recruited. This should work well in making contact with members.
- 6. Wed., June 21st, is the date for the picnic at Lowville. A time of 11:30 was thought to be suitable to meet. If any wish to order a lunch from the General Store, it can be done by phoning 335-0750 a couple of days before.

7. Bob Tangney, Benefits, joined the meeting. He elaborated on the recent letter sent to retirees explaining the reason for a slight (very) increase to those who retired after 1987. No change for retirees prior to that year.

The question of additional medical coverage when travelling outside Ontario was raised. In his opinion it is not necessary.

Bob will make inquiries on our behalf to the Pension Trust Board to have a representative from the Association on that Board.

8. Charlie Cook made inquiries about the cost of providing a wheelchair to the hospital. A regular chair modified to MUMC specifications would cost about \$1016. Otherwise \$800 would be the cost of an ordinary wheelchair.

Don Shepherd and Les Prince will investigate the use of a wheelchair elsewhere on campus.

Another suggestion was that we could make a contribution towards the cost of room renovations for a handicapped student.

A motion by Les Frince and seconded by Don Shepherd that the matter of making donations to worthy causes be discussed at the Annual meeting. Carried.

- 9. Charlie Cook was pleased to report that Dr. Thode has graciously accepted our invitation to fill the position of Honourary President.
- 10. The Agenda for the Annual meeting on May 16th was approved.

Tea and coffee for about 50 will be ordered from Food Services.

- 11. Les Prince had a phone call from Mary Williams, Alumni and Development Office. A series of lectures is being offered that might be of interest to members. There is a small fee. The Secretary will make inquiries for more specific information and report back to Council.
- 12. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bill MacPherson and seconded by Les Prince that we hold a barbeque in the fall at no charge. A date will be decided later. Carried.

The next meeting of Council will be on Monday, May 15th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fyfe Room, Divinity College.