

Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 1990, at 1:00 p.m.
Fyfe Room, Divinity College

Present: Charlie Cook, Dorothy Jacobs, Bill MacPherson, Fred Carson, Gil Murray, Blythe Williams, Fumi Miyasaka, Winn Cramm

Regrets: Stuart Winn, Norah McCallion

By Invitation: Dr. Gerry King

Dr. King was invited to the meeting to report on meetings of the Pension Trust Committee he has attended on our behalf and to answer any questions Council may have. His observations were that:

The Faculty Association, with the support of the Retirees Association, is taking a lead in an ongoing dialogue with the University;

As a listener at the meetings of the Pension Trust Committee his function will be to report on those meetings. There are two areas in particular that affect McMaster retirees. One is the manner of indexation. So far this has kept up with the cost of living, although there is no guarantee it will continue in the future. The other is the lack of control of expenses charged to the pension fund.

Dr. King urged Council to support the Faculty Association by writing letters to the Board of Governors, President, Faculty Association and other concerned parties.

Council was in agreement that Dr. King should be given more than just 'listener' status. He should have voting privilege. Negotiations should continue with the President's Office for stronger representation.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to King for coming to the meeting.

The President, Charlie Cook will be in touch with Barney Goldsmith to ask if he would be willing to work with Dr. King as a second representative on the Pension Trust Committee.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated. Bill MacPherson moved the adoption of the Minutes. Seconded by Fred Carson. Carried.
3. Charlie Cook reported that he had attended funerals for members who have passed on. It is planned for future newsletters to include, where possible, names of any recently deceased members.
4. The President reported on the Christmas lunch in December at the Schwaben Inn. Just over 100 attended and everyone there agreed it was "just great". Door prizes and carols rounded out the event.
5. Distribution of the Courier:
Mr. McBirnie of the Courier Office was in touch to suggest the best way to distribute the Courier would be to make up bundles of about 50 and deliver them to the Main Library which in turn would take them to the various branches, including Burlington and Dundas. Gil Murray and Charlie Cook will organize the drop-off. Fred Carson has offered his assistance as well.
6. The Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m. Two Councillors to be elected for the 1990-91 term, to replace two members whose terms will be up. It is hoped that one would be a faculty retiree. At present we have no representative from that area of the University.

The Secretary has indicated that she intends to resign the post of Secretary. Members will be asked to suggest names from which to appoint a replacement.

As the 'job' has grown to include that of Treasurer, she feels that two members should handle the duties. She would like to carry on as Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee will meet before the Annual meeting for discussion and to submit names.

7. The President received a letter from Dr. Skinnerland, Student Health, regarding the need for one or more monitors to play tapes on self-help programs covering smoking, drugs, etc. An amount of at least \$500 is being requested. Council made no commitment at this time.

8. A motion was made by Fred Carson that up to \$1500 be allocated for a computer. Seconded by Winn Cramm. Carried.

Approval will be sought at the Annual meeting.

9. Charlie Cook asked for volunteers to assist a student in a project he is doing for his thesis on ageing. Several of Council agreed to help and Charlie will contact others. He hoped to have about 20 take part. He will let the volunteers know the date and time.

The next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fyfe Room.