

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 8, 1990, 1:00 p.m.
Room 204 Gilmour Hall

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

Regrets: Winn Cramm, Norah McCallion

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated. There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Bill MacPherson and seconded by Gil Murray, that the Minutes be approved. Carried.

1. The President announced that Dr. Ellen Ryan of the Department of Gerontology has been invited to attend this meeting. She will be able to answer questions to assist Council in reaching a decision on whether or not to grant an award to a student in their programme.

Charlie Cook recently attended a Gerontology Department reception as MURA's representative.

2. The Phys. Ed. Department is looking for 24 volunteers in the 'senior' age group for a motor learning study. They are needed from mid-July to mid-September for two hours, one-time only. Contact Laurie Swanson to sign up or for information.
3. The President was speaking to Wilf Ward regarding office space. He had nothing new to report, only that we are "still on the list".
4. Pension Trust litigation: Gerry Field of the Faculty Association would like to meet with one or two retirees re support on the legal aspect. We should offer all the help we can. The President will set up a meeting.
5. The President read a report submitted by Dr. Gerry King, MURA's observer on the Pension Trust Committee. MURA will be kept informed of any developments affecting our retirees.
6. At 1:30 Dr. Ellen Ryan joined the meeting. Her purpose in

attending was to explain the system of granting awards to students in her department. The Awards Committee makes the decision as to who is eligible.

If MURA decided to grant \$1000, it would be the decision of the Office of Gerontology to use the interest from this grant on an annual basis.

Dr. Ryan explained the setup of studies involving seniors with tutorials and lectures. She is involved in gathering information for the Senate Committee on Academic Planning, Faculty and Alumni. Issues affecting the University are important ones.

She will provide about 100 copies of her questionnaire to the Annual meeting. She would like them back by the end of May.

Bill MacPherson moved the Association make a one-time donation of \$1000 to be used at the discretion of the Gerontology Department Awards Committee for students registered in the Gerontology programme.

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Council discussed the motion and concluded that a small group of, say, two or three within MURA to consider donations, bequest, etc. and report back to Council. Names suggested were Irene Leigh, Ruth Byles and Olga Tynowski.

This proposal will be brought up at the AGM for discussion and followed up in the next newsletter.

7. Several suggestions for a name for our newsletter have been received. They include: The Mural, The Mural Extra, MacMURA News, Info MURA, Touch Tone, MURAGRAM, Retirees Times, McMaster Retirease. No decision has been made.
8. Charlie Cook spoke with Stella Curtis about auditing the books. She has agreed to do this. The Treasurer will contact Stella to arrange a meeting.
9. The President read a letter from the OCUFA regarding mandatory retirement. This was for information only.
10. Bob Tangney, Benefits, will be invited to the next Council meeting in June. The Association is willing to offer any assistance needed in gathering information for the Benefits booklet which has been promised for some time.

11. An inquiry has been made to find out the cost of having the newsletter sent out by the Postal Services eliminating the need to have members do this. It would cost \$15/m for labels, \$8/m to fold and .05¢ each to insert. Council agreed the cost is too expensive and decided against this service.
12. Invitations have been extended to the President, Dr. Lee, Fred Hopkinson and Sandy Darling to attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. Only Mr. Darling will be free to attend.
13. Janet Fawcett reported on behalf of the Phone Committee. She expressed the opinion that members who have not paid should not be called. However, Council could not agree that this was a good idea and decided to bring this up at a later date. Ways to encourage members to pay the \$10 fee was also discussed, but no resolution was reached.
14. Council thought it preferable to wait until after the new University President takes office before setting a date for Charlie Cook to meet with her.
15. Ruth Byles has declined the nomination for the 1990-91 Council, at least for now.
16. The picnic at Lowville, on June 20, is all set.
17. No definite location yet for the BBQ. The ten-acre field is available Aug 16 - 20. Also being looked into is the Refectory patio.
18. The President will look into what the results were for contributions made to the United Way by the retirees.

The next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday, June 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Divinity College.