

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 14, 1989, 1:00 p.m.
Fyfe Room, Divinity College

Present: Charlie Cook, Dorothy Jacobs, Stuart Winn, Gil Murray,
Blythe Williams, Bill MacPherson, Winn Cramm

Regrets: Fumi Miyasaka, Fred Carson, Norah McCallion

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated. It was moved by Blythe Williams and seconded by Stuart Winn that the Minutes be approved. Carried.

1. Council members reported on their phone calls to members for the United Way. It was agreed that a positive response was received from most who were contacted.
2. The Phone Committee will be asked to call members to remind them of the Christmas lunch at the Schwaben Inn on December 11th.

An invitation will be extended to Dr. Lee and his wife and to Irene Costello, Divinity College secretary, as our guests.

The Schwaben can accommodate up to 160 and we hope we will have a good response. The regular menu will be offered rather than limiting choices.

The Secretary is authorized to purchase about 50 small items for draws, keeping the cost to around \$100.

3. The President reported on a meeting with Dr. Gerry King, our representative on the Pension Trust Committee. Dr. King sat in on two meetings as a listener. His initial concern is the indexing of pensions. Is it tied to the cost of living? Other pertinent questions will be asked at future meetings.

It is planned to invite Dr. King to our meeting in January.

A report will be made in May at our annual meeting.

4. Charlie Cook and Stuart Winn will be meeting with Dr. Lee on December 7th to discuss matters concerning the Association.
5. Stuart Winn reminded Council of the OSCE briefing on

December 7th in 2J40 at 10:15 a.m. Volunteers have been asked to show up on Monday, December 11th at 8 a.m. and on Wednesday, December 13th at 9 a.m. It is hoped that about 20 will be there.

6. Volunteers are still needed to assist a blind student by transcribing reading material on to tape.
7. The Secretary reported on a telephone inquiry to New Horizons for a possible grant to purchase a small computer. They did not feel we had a strong enough case for this request. Computers are not high on their priority list. Council decided not to pursue the matter further.

Blythe Williams looked into a lap-top computer. He felt it was too expensive and inadequate.

Blythe and Fred Carson will report any further information ~~information~~ at the next meeting with a view to a discussion at the annual meeting.

The possibility of sharing computer time with Personnel is good. Lists or other information can be obtained on request which we require from time to time.

8. A response from the President's Office is expected shortly with respect to more adequate office space and storage facilities to carry out the Association's monthly meetings and other activities.
9. Gil Murray has made inquiries at the libraries in the region regarding distribution of the Courier. The main library in Hamilton would be willing to supply its branches with copies, as would those in Dundas and Ancaster. Getting supplies to the libraries would be our responsibility.

The next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday, January 23, 1990, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fyfe Room, Divinity College.