

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 12, 1990, 1:00 p.m.
Board Room, Divinity College

Present: Charlie Cook, Blythe Williams, Dorothy Jacobs, Bill MacPherson, Winn Cramm, Fumi Miyasaka, Gil Murray, Jack Kennedy, Bill McMicking, Janet Fawcett

Regrets: None

The President, Mr. Charlie Cook, called the meeting to order. He welcomed two new members of Council, Mr. Jack Kennedy and Mr. Bill McMicking, who were elected at the Annual General meeting in May.

It was moved by Blythe Williams and seconded by Gil Murray that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Carried.

Business arising:

1. Item 5 - The need for a meeting with the new University President was expressed to have a member of MURA appointed as a voting representative on the Pension Trust Committee. At the present time, Dr. Gerry King represents MURA but only as an observer and it is hoped he'll carry on with Barney Goldsmith as an advisor to Dr. King.

New Business:

1. Access to MURA's office in Gilmour Hall will be restricted until about mid-August. Personnel asked if we would be inconvenienced if a disabled student used the office for about nine weeks. She was hired by the University for that period of time.

In light of this, pressure must be kept up on Wilf Ward and those who work with him, to help find office space and a place to hold monthly meetings. It would be encouraging if MURA could be included in the list of users to be considered for the new Center being planned.

Inquiries will be made as to who such a request can be made. Les Prince may be helpful in this regard.

2. A letter of resignation from Fred Carson was read. It is with regret that it be accepted. Council unanimously agreed that thanks were in order for Fred's contributions the past year.
3. Two requests have been received from retirees asking that

their names not be included in any future communications such as newsletters. Their wishes will be complied with. A list will be kept so that when the newsletter is going out, their mailing labels will not be included.

4. Two 'thank you' notes were read. One was from Mrs. Sheriff, whose husband passed away recently, and the other from Stuart Winn. In his note he included his new address and phone number in Bath. It is: P.O. Box 373, Bath, Ont., K0H 1G0. Phone No. 613-352-5850. Stuart
Winn
5. As a follow-up from the Annual Meeting, when the pros and cons for purchasing a computer were discussed, Council decided to table the matter. It was felt that more information is needed. Gil Murray and Blythe Williams have been delegated to put a package together to present to a future Council meeting.
6. At the AGM it was proposed that a Committee should decide on a possible award to a student in Gerontology. Someone outside Council should be appointed. Three names suggested were Brian Lucas, Jean Neale and Olga Tynowski.
7. At the AGM the Gerontology Dept. left questionnaires to be completed by members and returned to Council.
8. Janet Fawcett has a request from Elderhostel for 20-25 volunteers on July 24. Duties would include picking up and driving participants around Hamilton. Attending a wine and cheese reception to meet visitors and having one or two (or more) to dinner at the volunteer's home.
9. Upcoming events are the picnic at Lowville Park on June 20 at about 11:30 a.m.

The barbeque will be on August 28 at 5:30 p.m. on the patio behind the Refectory. Bring a chair. The cost to MURA will be \$9.29 per person. This includes tax. A small charge of \$2 was suggested, but not this year. The Phone Committee will be contacting members.

Canterbury Hills dinner is booked for September 20 at 5:30.
10. Blythe and Gil will check into the possibility of getting mailing labels for retirees living in Ontario only. This would be for the August newsletter.
11. Regarding the Courier distribution, the problems have been resolved and it will go ahead as planned around the end of August.

12. An audit of the financial records is to be made before the next Annual meeting in May 1991. Stella Lucas has offered to do this.
13. No one as yet has indicated a willingness to take on the Secretary's post. It is hoped to have this resolved soon.
14. We're still asking members to suggest a suitable name for MURA's Newsletter. We've received several already, but would like a few more.
15. Charlie Cook and Blythe Williams will be in touch with Bob Tangney, Benefits, to have him attend a Council meeting soon to explain what changes in benefits have taken place recently.
16. As noted in the Council Minutes of May 8, 1990, Item 2, the Phys. Ed. Dept. is still looking for volunteers for the study they are conducting.
17. Referring to Item 13 of the May 8 Minutes, Council discussed Janet Fawcett's suggestion of Phoning only those members who have paid their fees. We thought it perhaps would be helpful to phone regardless of having paid. By keeping in contact, a member who has not paid may be persuaded to send in their money.

For upcoming events, phone calls will be made only to those living in the Hamilton calling area.

The next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday, July 17, at 1:00 p.m., in the Board Room, Divinity College.