

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 16, 1990, at 1:00 p.m.
Board Room, Divinity College

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

Regrets: Jack Kennedy

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated. It was moved by Bill MacPherson and seconded by Gil Murray that the Minutes be approved. Carried.

1. The President reported on the dinner at Canterbury Hills on September 20th. A total of 53 attended which included our guest, Dr. Mary Keyes. She was invited to say a few words following dinner. She spoke on the proposed University Centre which, it is hoped MURA will be included as one of the groups who will benefit when it is completed.

The meal served met with everyone's approval.
2. Updated Benefits information from Mr. Bob Tangney is expected to be mailed out to retirees around mid-November. There is a need to encourage retirees to ask questions when or before problems arise by calling Benefits in the Personnel Office, or Sun Life direct. Mura, in turn, will attempt to keep Mr. Tangney informed of members' concerns.
3. The court case about the Pension fund has been delayed until December.
4. Charlie Cook has replied to the University of Saskatchewan following their letter requesting advice on setting up their own retirees association. This is the third such inquiry. The other two were from Carlton and Waterloo. Several Council members are ready, willing and able to travel to these universities as consultants!
5. A letter, along with a questionnaire, has been received from Mary Keyes. It pertains to the proposed University Centre. Council discussed MURA's needs in the Centre. A minimum of approximately 250 sq. feet would be required where we

could hold Council meetings, send out the newsletter and other business. A locked cupboard for a coffee pot and supplies and an area for a filing cabinet, desk and typewriter would also be needed.

Other uses could be helping in the United Way campaign as suggested by Dr. Hall, the current United Way Chairman.

6. For the United Way appeal, Council members and some others will be given names and phone numbers of retirees to be contacted. This will be a follow-up to the letters and pledge cards expected to be going out around the last week of October. The Appeal closes November 9th. If anyone has any questions, they are asked to get in touch with Dr. Fred Hall.
7. A letter was received from the Employment Equity Office thanking MURA for the use of our office during the summer.
8. Condolences were expressed to Marj Westoby in the passing of her husband, Bill on October 14th. It was moved by Bill MacPherson and seconded by Fumi Miyasaka, that a cheque for \$25 be sent to the Knox Church Organ Fund in memory of Bill. Carried. 1990
9. Reference was made to Item No. 4 of last month's Minutes re the wisdom of leaving non-paying members off the mailing list. The next newsletter will include a coupon asking if members do or do not wish to receive the newsletter. A self-addressed envelope will be enclosed.

The November/December newsletter is expected to be ready for mailing about the end of October.
10. Gil Murray reported that copies of the Courier have or soon will be available at all library branches. It MURA has an item of interest, we will be in touch with the Courier office.
11. Awards Committee: The President spoke to Olga Tynowski who is interested in heading up or being part of this Committee. She will try and organize something for a future meeting of Council.
12. Several titles have been submitted for the newsletter. These names will be available to Council for consideration at the next meeting.

13. Because of space restrictions, Council will try to set dates of meetings several months ahead and advise the Divinity College office so they, in turn, can allocate space to hold our meetings.

The next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday, November 13th.