

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 1992. 1.00 p.m.

Present: Gil Murray, Dorothy Jacobs, Blythe Williams, Jack Kennedy, Janet Fawcett, Carm McMullen, Charlie Cook, Bill McMicking, Fumi Miyasaka

Regrets: Joy Baby, Craig McIvor, Jim Walker

There is no "c" in Dr. Shelmilt. Correction will be made.  
Moved by Bill McPherson and seconded by Dorothy Jacobs that the minutes be approved. Carried.

1. President Cook reported that he and Blythe Williams met Fred Hopkinson about the benefits package for retirees and was advised that he would look into it.

At a second meeting with Fred Hopkinson, Bob Tangney was also present. They explained that with reorganization in the office they were having some delay in supplying us with the updated benefits package. Bill MacPherson was of the opinion that the only problem was where some retirees had not opted for the dental plan. If they could specify that these retirees would still not be eligible for the dental plan and send us the "green sheet" that the current employees have.

Fred Hopkinson will get back to us.

Our contact person for information on benefits is Jim Jeffrey and Carol Nelson will still be our contact person for retiree business.

We have been asked to save a section of our next MURA for reports from Personnel. Gil Murray will keep that in mind.

2. The President will be in Florida for the next meeting and has asked Blythe Williams to chair the next meeting.
3. Gord Raymond of Part-time Studies came to put in a good word for part-time students in Gerontological Studies. At present the scholarship is for students with high marks in a three year programme. Of the 129 students in Gerontology studies, 66 were part-time and he felt that part-time students have as much need, if not more for the scholarship as they would also be working.

The president will try to get more information before the next meeting and possible approval for changes at the next annual meeting.

4. Charlie Cook reported that the OSCE's had a good turnout. It was noted that there was a lot of confusion and suggestion was made that the volunteers take charge. They felt that they could run it more efficiently. Charlie Cook will see what could be arranged for the spring exams.

5. A letter was received from Mary Keyes re our office space. We have been assured that we could have input in any decision making.

6. Financial Statement

Dorothy Jacobs reported that we had a bank balance of \$41.68 and \$3000 in term deposits. Paid up members, 255. We must push for membership fees.

7. Christmas luncheon

Bill MacPherson suggested congratulations to Dorothy Jacobs for all the great prizes she has come up with. It has contributed much to the enjoyment of the luncheon. The cost was approximately \$67.00 Eighty-seven attended.

8. Bill MacPherson recommended that the President send a thank you to Jim Miyasaka for his sound system. It contributed to the success of the party.

The next Christmas lunch set for December 14, 1992 at the Schwaben Inn.

9. The president has received a letter from a retiree from B. C. requesting information on volunteer work in the area.
10. Les Prince has sent a letter to Lincoln Alexander requesting that he be the speaker at our next Canterbury Hills dinner. Canterbury Hills has been booked for September 10, 1992.
11. The next meeting of Council will be in the Fife room on February 11, 1992. The following meeting will be on March 3, 1992, also in the Fife room.
12. The nominating Committee--President as chairman, plus 4 members of Council and 2 members at large.

Those retiring from Council, <sup>Chair</sup> Bill Cook, President, Blythe Williams Vice-President, and Bill MacPherson as past-President and Gil Murray in charge of MURA. Since we have no replacement for Gil it was moved by Jack Kennedy and seconded by Bill MacPherson that Gil Murray renew his appointment for one more year. Carried.

We will require a vice-president plus 2 councillors.

Nominating Committee will include the Treasure and Secretary since they are appointed and not members of the Council. Members for the Council will be Bill McMicking and Charlie Cook .

Suggestion made that Les Prince be nominated as he has not been on Council for some time. He has contributed much to Council in the past.

Moved by Carm McMullen that the meeting be adjourned.