

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday June 18, 1991. 1.00 p.m.

Present: Charlie Cook, Dorothy Jacobs, Janet Fawcett, Bill MacPherson, Fumi Miyasaka, Gil Murray, Joy Baby, Jim Walker, Carm McMullen, Craig McIvor, Bill McMicking

Regrets: Blythe Williams, Jack Kennedy

The president, Mr. Charlie Cook opened the meeting by welcoming our four new members of Council who were elected at our Annual General Meeting on May 21: Joy Baby, Craig McIvor, Carm McMullen and Jim Walker.

At the meeting it was also approved that because of Blythe Williams recent illness Charlie Cook would continue on as President, Blythe Williams as Vice-president and Bill MacPherson as Past-president.

Moved by Bill MacPherson and seconded by Janet Fawcett that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.  
Carried.

1. The President reported that out of the 50 tickets for the Geritol Follies he has already sold 32 and returned 12. Follies will sell those on consignment (5 have already been sold) and there should be no problem selling the rest.

Charlie Cook has spoken to Dorothy Kellet-Hadfield who has just been released from hospital. She has congenital heart problems and cannot attend Geritol Follies, but does not wish to be reimbursed for the ticket although the offer was made.

Charlie has also arranged, for those wishing to meet for dinner before the performance, to meet at the Cafe Vienna Restaurant at 5.00 p.m. Some parking spaces available at his daughter-in-law's place of business on George St. just off Bay.

2. Charlie Cook reported on our annual picnic. Because of the bad weather in the morning, only 11 showed up, but those attending had an enjoyable time with our "strenuous" games and brain teasers. Our candy jar was won this year by Gil Murray who will refill it for our next picnic.

It was suggested that we consider changing the location of the picnic to Dundas Driving Park next year since it is not quite so remote for most and also as it has a covered area which can be reserved in case of rain.

- 6. We have acquired the wheelchair and when the plaque is ready, and after Janet Fawcett returns from her vacation, the wheelchair will be presented to Wentworth Lodge as Janet's parents are patients there. Hopefully Blythe Williams will be ready for the presentation.

We will try to get the Courier and the Dundas Star and the Spectator to cover the presentation.

- 7. It was approved by the AGM to award \$300.00 as a Bursary to some 3rd or 4th year Gerontology student for 1991-92.

The President will contact John Edwards, Director of Scholarships and arrange a date to present the cheque. He will also try to have the Courier cover presentation.

- 8. Charlie Cook has received a letter from the President, Dr. Kenney-Wallace re our request to have Dr. Gerry King considered as a voting representative for MURA in the Pension Trust Committee instead of a "Listener".

She feels that we must wait for a decision on the court case and suggests that Dr. Jerry Field, a retiree, is currently on the PTC and that as he has a vote, we would be well represented.

It was the opinion of the members that Dr. Field is representing the Faculty so there would be a conflict of interest so MURA should have their own voting representative on the P.T.C. We would wait till after the court decision before making further requests.

The President will write a letter to Dr. Kenney-Wallace to thank her for her letter and advise that after the decision on the court case we will again request that she look into the matter of upgrading our representative to a full voting member.

- 9. Treasurer's Report:

Cash in Bank	4,652.81	
Term Deposit	1,000.00	Coming due August 1991
" "	2,000.00	" " February 1992

Dorothy reported that memberships are coming in very slowly this year so reminder forms should be enclosed with the next Newsletter.

Moved by Janet Fawcett and seconded by Bill MacPherson that we re-invest the \$1,000 term deposit when it matures plus \$1,500 from cash into a Term Deposit. Further that Dorothy Jacobs look into classification as a non-profit organization for a preferred rate.  
Passed.

Dorothy Jacobs, Charlie Cook and Blythe Williams have signing authority.

10. A tentative date for the Barbeque at the President's house set for August 27 from 5.30 to 9.00. Charlie will clear date with President's office.

It was decided that since the BBQ is the only programme paid for by MURA, and as we have a good balance in the bank we would not charge for the BBQ

Charlie will check if Marriott has a monopoly on campus, otherwise will look into catering from A & B, Rose's and Links among others. Food Services has been very expensive and the service very poor since Marriott has taken over.

Janet Fawcett has requested that she be notified before July 15 so she can contact her telephone committee before leaving on holidays. Gil Murray will have the Newsletter out before the BBQ.

11. Reservations made and deposit paid for Canterbury Hills Dinner. Thursday, September 12, at 5.30 p.m. Costs will be \$20.00 per person and vouchers to be sent with envelopes with the August 15 mailing.

In the past, members of council have supplied the sherry for before dinner and MURA had paid for the wine on the table. It was decided to eliminate the wine and MURA supply the sherry.

Bill McMicking volunteered to pick up 6 dry and 6 sweet Bright's sherry.

12. We have received a request for 20 hosts for July 23rd for Elderhostel again. The host would be expected to pick up one or two people, 1.30 to 7.00 p.m. and show them places of interest in the area and invite to dinner in own home or take them out for dinner. Charlie will contact someone to phone for volunteers. Anyone interested should call him.
13. Flowers were sent to Blythe in hospital. Suggestion made by President that we arrange with a florist so flowers can be ordered by phone for anyone in hospital. Cottage Florist or Scarlet Runner in Westdale suggested Recommendation was made that names of our Visiting Committee, Les Prince and Janet Fawcett be listed on the next Newsletter with request that they be notified if anyone knows of someone in hospital. ✓

Janet Fawcett will send a card to Dorothy Kellet-Hadfield.

14. The President has contacted Wilf Ward as it is almost impossible to get into our office. He was told that Personnel is using our office as their computer system is being changed. He was assured that our need for space in the new University Centre was still before them, but we should map up in detail how often we use the office, how much storage space needed for equipment etc., and how often we would need to book rooms for meetings etc.

The executives were empowered to make a detailed report to submit to Wilf Ward.