

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 1992, 1.00 p.m.  
Fyfe Room, Divinity College

Present: Bill McMicking, Dorothy Jacobs, Carm McMullen, Gil Murray, Bill MacPherson, Marion Welton, Joy Baby, Charlie Cook, Jim Walker  
Jack Kennedy, Fumi Miyasaka

Regrets: Janet Fawcett, John Williamson

Acting President Charlie Cook chaired the meeting. He welcomed Marion Welton and reported that John Williamson will be on Council.

New Business

1. We have had another successful Barbeque since the rain let up just in time. Fifty-four attended and as usual Links did a very good job with refreshments. The bill has been paid but not the gratuity.

Moved by Bill MacPherson, seconded by Dorothy Jacobs that we send a cheque of \$40.00 for the servers at Links. Passed.

2. Canterbury Hills was attended by only 39 members, much less than usual, at a cost of \$842.92 plus \$60.00 Gratuity. It was suggested that next year we would make it at least a week later to avoid clashing with other activities. We will consider October 14 or 21 for next year.

3. We have been asked to send representatives to the first session of the pre Retirement meeting next week. Roy Levy, Dorothy Jacobs, Bill MacPherson and Charlie Cook will attend.

4. Charlie Cook called Bob Tangney this morning to ask when the "Green Sheets" would be mailed out, but he was not available. We need to have a meeting with Fred Hopkinson to get representation as Retirees as it has taken two years of negotiating without success.

Moved by Bill MacPherson that a letter be sent to Vice-President S. Darling requesting representation for the Retirees Association on the Remuneration and Finance Review Committee and a second letter to Fred Hopkinson detailing our dissatisfaction with the performance of Mr. Tangney. Seconded by Carm McMullen. Passed.

5. Our cheque for the 1992 - 1993 school year could be mailed out to John Edwards for the Full Term Gerontology student. We should also send out our cheque for the part-time Gerontology student as approved by Annual General Meeting. (1992) \$100 annually
6. Joy Baby reported that we have \$4863,96 cash on hand. Moved by Jim Walker and seconded by Dorothy Jacobs to invest \$2500.00 to Treasury Bills. Carried.

7. The \$1,000.00 donation to the VON for the purchase of a medication pump has been approved by the AGM. Bill McPherson and one other person will make the presentation. Since the donation is a sizeable one, Courier will be contacted for the presentation.
8. We have received requests for information from J. E. Havel of Laurentian University and Howard Petch of Victoria University to help them start their own Retirees Association. Acting President Charlie Cook will send a covering letter with a copy of our Constitution. He felt that a National Association of Retirees was feasible and that we could meet to discuss problems.
9. Gil Murray reported that the next Newsletter could be ready by the end of October. Insert from Gerontology and Gerry King's report on the Pension Trust Committee would be included. He will also include a reminder re the Schwaben Inn lunch for Christmas.
10. Marion Welton suggested more activities, such as the Phantom of the Opera. She also suggested that the Christmas lunch could be held at the Faculty Club instead of the Schwaben Inn.
- Charlie Cook noted that the prices at the Faculty Club are too high and most retirees preferred the prices at Schwaben.
- Marion Welton asked to convene a Social Committee. She will draw up a list of activities to be listed on the next newsletter.
11. Bill Langdon and Roy Cramm are in hospital. Les Prince and Janet Fawcett will be called to confirm.
12. Re Blythe Williams computer, Blythe's son will be getting his computer. Charlie Cook will see if he would be willing to let us have the floppy disc that Blythe had set up for the Retirees.
13. Dorothy will purchase prizes for our Christmas lunch.
14. Charlie Cook is President on a Pro Tem basis. He is willing to stay on till the end of the year.
- According to the Constitution it is up to the Council to appoint a Vice-President.
- Moved by Jack Kennedy that we carry on with Charlie Cook as President and actively look into finding a Vice-President. Seconded by Joy Baby. Carried.
15. Personnel has asked for some input from the Retirees in their publication "Personnel Matters".
16. Marion Welton wondered how many retirees are interested in working part time instead of McMaster hiring Kelly Girls who are very expensive. Should go on the newsletter.

17. Retirees were refused the use of the Refectory (at the last minute) as an alternate location for "rain date" for our barbeque since we did not order our food from Food Services.

Charlie cook will write to Sandy Darling to indicate our displeasure. Links has given us better service and at a lower price.

18. We have had one meeting with President Kenny-Wallace but have not yet had one this year.

Bill MacPherson would like to ask the President re our previous request to have our Gerry King as a voting member.

Charlie Cook will phone to see if a meeting can be arranged.

19. Moved by Carm McMullen and seconded by Jim Walker to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11th, 1992 at 1.00 p.m in the Fyfe Room

Meeting adjourned.