

McMaster University Retirees Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 7, 1993

Gilmour Hall, Room 306A

PRESENT: Joy Baby, Jean Duschenko, Dora Haisell, Dorothy Jacobs, Dorothy Matheson, Bill MacPherson, Bill McMicking, Carm McMullen, Jim Walker.

REGRETS: Charlie Cook, Warren Mousley, Averil Thompson, Marion Welton, Joan Wylie

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MOVED by Bill MacPherson, seconded by Dora Haisell that the minutes of the November meeting be adopted.

It was noted that Dorothy Jacobs was not present at the November meeting but had sent regrets.

Joy stated that the Wiki-Waki Cruise had been a great success.

Jim Walker reported that the project concerning the telephone number list is still in progress.

The Simcoe Lights bus trip will proceed as planned on December 8th. The bus will arrive at 2:30 on campus and will depart when the 43 passengers are boarded. A turkey dinner will be served in Port Dover.

Jim Walker had spoken to Bob Tangney re the health coverage issue for retired hourly paid employees. Evidently no information has as yet been forwarded but should be coming early in the New Year.

Jim also stated that the Xmas Song sheets from Lou Santesi had been received.

Carolyn Ellis, the \$300 prize winner this year will be attending the Schwaben Inn Lunch. No student had met the requirements for the \$100 part-time prize.

Gary Bulmer of Security had requested a list of retirees in order that they may be sent material on forthcoming events by the Social Club. Jim stated that any such news items will be published in the MURA rather than sending Gary our mailing list.

Judith Evans of Wentworth Lodge had written to thank our association for the recent donation made to the lodge making possible the purchase of a suction machine, which was greatly appreciated.

Jim reported that a letter from Sandy Darling had been received regarding medical prescription drugs and costs thereof. Discussions were underway re the use of a debit card. There would be a dispensing fee allowance of \$6.50 and the \$25 annual deduction fee would be rescinded. Jim Walker will discuss this matter further with Sandy and Bob Tangney. If a prescribed drug is not covered by OHIP Sun Life will cover the cost. The question of monthly dispensing fees was raised. Evidently some pharmacists will dispense only a set number of pills, meaning that patients with repeat orders are required to pay dispensing fees each time they re-order. It was suggested that a larger quantity could be dispensed at one time thus precluding the need for continual dispensing fees. It was noted that some pharmacists were opposed to this. Further meetings will be taking place after all input to the suggested changes has been received.

A memo had been received from P. Haeberlin with the complaint that he is still on the mailing list.

#### NEW BUSINESS

December 13th is the date for the Schwaben Inn lunch. We hope our numbers exceed the total of 90 who attended in 1992. Dorothy Jacobs reported that 60 prizes had been accumulated and Joy Baby is looking after the draw tickets.

Jim Walker offered to contact Jim Maysaki re the sound system, but Bill MacPherson has agreed to look after this item. Charlie Cook has agreed to say the Grace at the luncheon.

Members will be asked to introduce themselves at their respective tables. A basket will be passed for Tips for the staff.

Jim has agreed to speak to Gill Murray regarding the next MURAL.

- (1) Publication - a number of events including the Stage West Dinner for March 2nd. Money for this will be required to be collected by the end of January
- (2) Ottawa Tulip Festival - May 12-14 at the Lord Elgin.

It was suggested that perhaps a full discussion on membership should be held at the January meeting, and results could be published in the February/March Newsletter. An update of persons who have indicated whether or not they wish to receive the Newsletter will be made before this issue is mailed out.

Carm McMullen reported that at present MURA shows 857 members in the data base. Also, according to the data base there are 64 survivors (spouses) 12 of which had sent in a membership fee and are referred to as 'contributing members'. There are 261 paid active members, including survivors for 1993. A figure of 666 out of the 857 reside in the Dundas/Ancaster/Stoney Creek area. Council was informed that mailing labels may be produced on request. Carm also suggested a check should be made into those who will be eligible for retirement in 1994.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 12th in Gilmour Hall, Room 306.

Joy Baby moved - seconded by Dorothy Jacobs that the meeting be adjourned.

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Dorothy MacMahon