

McMaster University Retiree Association

COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, July 14, 1993. 1:00 p.m.

Gilmour Hall 306A

Present: Joy Baby, Charlie Cook, Jean Duschenko, Dora Haisell, Dorothy Jacobs, Bill MacPherson, Bill McMicking, Warren Mousley, Jim Walker, Marion Welton, Joan Wiley

Regrets: Carm McMullen, Averil Thompson, John Williamson

In the continuing absence of a secretary, Dora Haisell recorded these minutes.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jim Walker. He welcomed all Council members, and especially the two World Travellers.

It was moved by Dorothy Jacobs and seconded by Bill MacPherson that the minutes be approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. It was reported that a contact person at Sun Life plus Maryann Russell from OHIP are to be invited to address a meeting of McMaster Retirees in October. Hopefully, questions concerning health coverage and out-of-province/country coverage will be answered to everyone's satisfaction.

To ensure that a suitable audience will be present, there will be a notice in the October/November Mural and a phone contact.

Bill MacPherson suggested that light refreshments be served.

Warren Mousley had a concern re out-of-country health coverage. He noted that the new improved plan for regular McMaster employees includes an expanded benefit in this area. Will the retirees also have this improved benefit?

Jim Walker reported that it has been difficult to contact Fred Hopkinson because of the Government Social Contract demands. However, a meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., July 29th, and Jim invited Warren Mousley and Charlie Cook to accompany him to lend their expertise.

2. Jim Walker reported that the Personnel person responsible for the input of retirees mailing information on lists was on vacation. But it was his understanding that the information goes to Payroll and that Payroll process any information changes on Retirees Lists.

3. It was reported that Lincoln Alexander is unavailable to speak at Canterbury Hills. John Weaver, Les Laking and Jack Evans are still on the possible speakers' list.
4. The search for a secretary continues. Several names were suggested - a further report will be made at the next meeting.
5. Much discussion ensued concerning the Barbecue in August. Jim Walker had been in touch with Links and with Food Services. Links' total quotation for this year was \$816.50. Although Mary Keyes had stated that Food Services could be competitive, their total quotation was \$1,058.00. There would likely be a delivery charge in addition, bringing their price to approximately \$1,100.00.

However, consideration must be made to a rain location. Questions arose:

Would the President agree to a tent on her front lawn?
 Would the caterers be able to cook in the tent?
 Would the tent be adequate in size?
 What would it cost for a tent?

These questions only arise if Links is the caterer. Perhaps the Food Services quote would be cheaper in the long run. Thought was given to moving the venue to Dundas Driving Park. Consensus was that it was too late to move it this year, consideration is to be given for 1994.

Jim Walker will undertake a discussion with Mary Keyes regarding Food Services quotation and to endeavour to obtain a rain location.

When he has more concrete information, he will phone Council members to achieve a consensus and complete the arrangements.

Information will appear in The Mural during the first week in August.

Charlie Cook stated that Jack Moss (Physical Plant) must be contacted to arrange delivery of 20 chairs and 2 long tables for the set-up.

New Business

1. Treasurer's Report

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| in Bank | \$3,164.79 |
| in G.I.C.'s | \$3,000.00 |

Mailing bill is still to come - all other bills paid.

2. A travel report was made by Joy Baby. There are 79 people signed up for the Muskoka Cruise.

The bus time has changed from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. There will be a refreshment stop at Barrie and a 12 o'clock arrival in Port Carling. Following the day's activities, arrival home is anticipated to be 9:00 p.m.

Joy handed out brochures outlining future possible trips and outings. She requested Council members' comments and input.

She asked if anyone was interested in a Day at the Races. For a group, admission is free, and a programme is free if you attend on their designated day. The price would be approximately \$40.00, which includes the bus and a buffet luncheon. It was suggested by Bill MacPherson that an indication be made on the computer programme of those retirees likely to be interested in travel information.

3. Jim Walker read a thank-you letter from Scholarship Recipient Carolyn Ellis - Gerontology Programme.

Bill MacPherson suggested that the Scholarship Recipients be invited to the Christmas Lunch. This will be decided at the meeting on September 8th.

4. The President asked for volunteers to stuff envelopes for The Mural mailing the first week of August. Charlie Cook, Jean Duschenko, Joan Wiley, Dorothy Jacobs, Marion Welton, Bill MacPherson, Bill McMicking, Warren Mousley, and Dora Haisell signified their willingness, depending on the actual date.
5. Just prior to adjournment a discussion arose concerning the Retiree Association's responsibility to inform retirees of changes in University policy.

Bill McMicking commented on our mandate - must we send all information to everyone, regardless of their interest in the Retiree Association, or desire to be cognizant of University changes?

Charlie Cook said that it is a gesture on our part to inform retirees. Jim Walker agreed with Charlie Cook, that it could only be a gesture and that responsibility for keeping Retirees up to date with changes in University Policy, as it affected retirees, lies with the Personnel Department.

Since we have had problems with Personnel concerning the dissemination of information, a plan concerning future action was approved.

An appeal once more to Personnel on July 29:
Failing that, a discussion with Vice-President A. Darling:

Failing that, a discussion with the President, Mrs. G. Kenney-Wallace: Failing that, a consultation with the Board of Governors.

There is a determination to be recognized as a viable University Group.

Bill MacPherson moved the adjournment at 2:06 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 8th**, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 306A, Gilmour Hall.

*Dora Haisell recorded
the minutes*