

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes

February 8, 1995

Gilmour Hall - Room B109

PRESENT; J. Baby, C. Cook, J. Evans, D. Haisell,
W. Macpherson, D. Matheson, W. McMicking
A. Thompson, M. Welton, J. Wiley

REGRETS: D. Jacobs, C. McMullen, J. Williamson, W. Mousley
J. Walker

Jack Evans Chaired the meeting and advised members he had received a letter from Mary Keyes, Assistant Provost, University Affairs, requesting volunteer assistance from MURA. Copies of this letter were distributed to those present. Mary also attended the meeting in order to answer any questions and elucidate what kind of duties volunteers would be requested to perform. Jack thanked Mary for her letter and for attending the meeting.

The meeting continued as Joy Baby MOVED and Bill MacPherson SECONDED the adoption of the Minutes of the January 11 meeting with one amendment:

Page 2: The word 'thesis' should replace the word 'doctorate' in paragraph 6

CARRIED

Members agreed that MURA members volunteering for various duties in connection with Student Affairs would give visibility to our Association and also assist the University at a time when budgets are being cut and money is scarce. An article outlining Mary Keyes' request will be published in the MURAL with a 'tear-off' portion to enable members to respond to which areas they may volunteer their services. The 'tear-off' is to be returned by a date specified in the MURAL.

The Chairman raised the problem of the Annual General Meeting date scheduled for May 24th, since the Museum Tour event will be held on May 23rd. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting date should be changed to May 17th and this change will appear in the March/April Newsletter.

The names of those eligible to leave Council this year are: Dorothy Jacobs, Marion Welton, Charlie Cook, Jim Walker and Jack Evans.

These five positions will be voted on at the AGM.

Jack Evans and Jim Walker will breakfast with the incoming President, Dr. Peter George on February 15th.

The Treasurer reported that two term certificates become due on March 18th and March 23rd respectively. The Chairman suggested that a decision be made at the March 8th meeting on whether or not to renew these certificates. The bank balance presently stands at \$1,008.95 as of the end of January, with a \$400. scholarship amount to be deducted February 8/95, which will leave a balance of \$608.95.

Jack Evans had spoken to the Faculty Association regarding the Alberta Faculty Retirees' Association letter. McMaster Faculty Association were not interested and it was decided that MURA should respond. Jim Walker has replied on behalf of MURA.

Tours

Joy Baby reported a full bus had attended the Showboat event and everyone present had been delighted by the performance.

One seat has become available for the Phantom show on February 23rd.

Joy and Gemma are presently working on the Ottawa May 5-8th trip.

The Fall Colour Cruise will be held September 21st with a visit to the Ste. Marie Aux Hurons historical site.

A tentative package is being planned for Frankenmuth for October 17/18/19 with perhaps a tie-in with Mackinac.

Crazy For You is tentatively planned for a date in either April or June

Sunset Boulevard is planned for November.

A firm date for the Canterbury Hills event must be established at the March meeting. It was suggested that Jean Jones be invited to speak at Canterbury Hills.

It was agreed that the next issue of MURAL will be published no later than March 20/95, and Joy was asked to prepare a list of upcoming events to be included in this issue.

A letter had been received from the Gerontology Department outlining details for their Benefit Performance to be presented on May 18th, 1995 at Theatre Aquarius.

An Annual Conference on Aging will be held in May or June, 1995. Bill MacPherson offered to bring the letter with details of the Conference to the March 8th meeting.

Joy Baby reported she had met with Warren Mousley regarding a quarterly financial report and produced a typed sample statement of MURA's financial position at present. Jack Evans suggested that two columns could be set up for 1995; one for expenditures and one column to include the budget.

Warren had also suggested that there was a need to delegate some of the responsibilities in the MURA Council, since Joy Baby had assumed a particularly heavy load in connection with her duties as Treasurer, involving not only keeping track of income and expenditures for MURA, but also Membership, with fees and records involved, as well as being the MURA Tour Coordinator. Jack agreed that these three positions should be served by three separate persons, in order to delegate responsibility among Council members more equitably.

Charlie Cook stated that the Constitution and Finances Sub-Committee will report at the March meeting.

Averil Thompson was optimistic about the Benefits Review Committee. Contrary to her belief that this committee had "died and gone to heaven" she had received a call from Sandy Darling stating that this committee was necessary and important since Benefits form an important part of the University Budget. Mr. Darling had assured Averil he was hopeful a meeting would be arranged sometime during February. Averil further stated that due to the loss of two members, new appointments will be necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.