

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 1995

Gilmour Hall - Room B109

**PRESENT:** J. Baby, C. Cook, J. Evans, D. Haisell, W. MacPherson,  
D. Matheson, C. McMullen, W. Mousley, A. Thompson,  
J. Walker, J. Williamson, J. Wiley

**REGRETS:** D. Jacobs, W. McMicking, M. Welton

MOVED by C. McMullen and seconded by W. MacPherson that the Minutes of the December 7th meeting be approved with the following amendment:

Page 2, paragraph 2 - "Jack Evans advised that after speaking to Mary Keyes that MURA space needs are included in the University space in the new University Centre".

CARRIED

The Chairman stated that the trip to Phantom of the Opera was now fully booked and that the Showboat Trip now had a waiting list.

A meeting had taken place between J. Evans, J. Walker and David Wartman on January 10th regarding the Pension and Benefits Committee. No final recommendations had been forthcoming at this time, but further meetings will be held. Averil Thompson reported that there was no further information regarding the Benefits Review Committee at this time.

The May 23rd Tour of the McMaster Museum of Art, followed by a BBQ at the President's House will proceed as planned. It will, however, be necessary for MURA to provide an estimate of those wishing to attend so that sufficient guides will be available at the Art Gallery, and also to plan for sufficient food for the BBQ. The January/February issue of the MURAL will provide a coupon to be completed and returned by those wishing to attend the May 23rd event. The August BBQ will still be held as an Annual outing.

A letter had been received from the incoming President, Dr. Peter George thanking MURA for our congratulations on his appointment and stating that he will be in touch with MURA early in the New Year.



The Xmas Lunch at the Schwaben Inn had proved to be a great success with approximately 120 in attendance. A letter of thanks will be sent from MURA to Jim Myasaki for his assistance in providing the sound system for this event.

Joy Baby presented the financial statement for the past year. As of December 30, 1994 our bank balance was \$866.30. There is also a \$314.59 current trip balance and Term Certificates of \$1,000. due March 18/95 at 5% and \$2,000. due March 23/95 at 5 1/4%. An amount of \$400 will need to be provided for the 1994/5 Scholarship award. It was noted that June-December 1994 fees were down \$440. from the same period in 1993, but a fee reminder will be included in the January/February issue of the MURAL. Jack Evans suggested perhaps slightly increasing the cost per person for our trips might be a 'cash raiser'. The subject of membership fees was discussed and any change will need to be ratified at the Annual Meeting. Charlie Cook suggested that a letter could be sent to all retirees on a yearly basis which would outline the matter of membership fees, the Newsletter, Events, etc. A committee consisting of C. Cook, J. Evans, Warren Mousley and Joy Baby agreed to discuss MURA finances and the Constitution and will report to the March 8th meeting.

Joy further stated that MURA yearly expenses included the August BBQ, prizes for the Xmas lunch, the Newsletters, and Scholarship awards. Income is derived from Membership Fees, Trip surpluses (if any) and Bank Interest.

The Chairman suggested the date of May 24th at 2:00 p.m. in the Divinity College for the Annual Meeting.

A brochure/questionnaire from the Emeritus Association was distributed to Council. The consensus of opinion was that this document should be referred to the Faculty Association, and Jack Evans agreed to discuss this with an appropriate McMaster person.

Carolyn Ellis, a former MURA Scholarship recipient is involved in a research study towards her Doctorate and has asked MURA Council to participate. Several members agreed to act as volunteers for the study.

The Chairman stated there were a number of Council members due to retire from Council. Replacements should be considered, however retiring members can elect to put their names forward for consideration again. Full details will be brought forward at the February meeting.

Charlie Cook reported that the cost per copy of the Constitution would be approximately \$3. but he is still obtaining quotes.



A pamphlet advertising the Fitness Centre on Campus was distributed. In the event that retirees are interested in this facility, a special \$35 per term membership fee may be offered. Further details re fees will be available in February.

The next meeting of Council will be held on February 8th.

MOVED by Warren Mousley, and seconded by Carm McMullen that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED