

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 1995

Gilmour Hall - Room B109

PRESENT: J. Baby, C. Cook, J. Evans, D. Haisell
D. Matheson, W. McMicking, A. Thompson
~~W. McMicking~~, J. Walker, J. Williamson

REGRETS: D. Jacobs, C. McMullen, W. Mousley
M. Welton, J. Wiley

It was MOVED by J. Williamson and seconded by Joy Baby that the Minutes of the February 8th, 1995 meeting be adopted. CARRIED

The Chairman regretfully announced the passing of Council Member Bill MacPherson on February 27th. Several other deaths had occurred including Murray Ford, David McCallion, Marguerite Reid and James Anderson.

The Annual General Meeting will be held May 17th. Volunteers were requested to look after coffee and cookies. Joy Baby stated she will bring the coffee urn and Dorothy Matheson will arrange for cookies, some of which will be provided by members of the Council. It will be necessary to ascertain the approximate number attending this meeting.

Jim Walker had written a response to the Alberta Faculty Association letter and notified them that our group was not interested at the present time, but that perhaps at some future date the two Associations might exchange information.

The Phantom of the Opera show had been a very successful venture.

A sheet entitled **EVENTS PLANNED** was distributed to Council by Joy Baby and members were very enthusiastic about the programs. (See p.4 of these Minutes for details).

Jim Walker had contacted Gerry King and was pleased to say that Gerry's health has improved considerably.

Averil Thompson stated that the Benefits Review Committee had met and that a report will be forthcoming. It was the opinion of those in attendance at the Benefits meeting that there is a need for a continuing Benefits Review Committee and the terms of reference were given by Sandy Darling. March 23rd will be the date of the next meeting and a discussion regarding a draft report will take place.

Jim Walker announced that Lou Sentesy, "Choirmaster" for the Annual Xmas Luncheon is quite ill and is in hospital for treatment and rehabilitation.

There will be a number of vacancies on Council for those wishing to retire at the end of their term in 1995; among whom are Marion Welton and Dorothy Jacobs. Council might wish to appoint someone for a one-year term to replace Bill MacPherson.

A Nominating Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Past President, Treasurer, and another member will meet and bring forth a slate of names.

The Annual Conference on Aging has been advertised in the January issue of CARP. The Chairman stated that Anju Joshi at the Med. Centre will have information re dates for this Conference.

The Chairman and Jack Evans had breakfasted with Peter George, the incoming President of the University. Both members agreed that the appointment of the new President is "a breath of fresh air" for McMaster. Dr. George had stated that he will welcome any suggestions from MURA and hopes that the expertise of members can be utilized.

The subject of MURA members acting as volunteers in various University functions was discussed. An invitation to MURA had been extended by Pat Harris of Student Affairs for MURA to welcome new students on August 11. Library Tours, and Parents Sessions in which campus functions are detailed, were also areas where our members could act as volunteers. A question was raised as to whether MURA members acting as volunteers might interfere with Union members at various functions, but it was decided this would not be a problem.

Charlie Cook suggested that a Flyer, rather than a Newsletter be sent out after the Annual General Meeting.

A Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer. The budget will be based on a fee increase of \$5.00 which will bring membership cost to \$15. per individual. The Treasurer's Report will be submitted on a quarterly basis.

Jack Evans pointed out the necessity of a decision by Council on what action should be taken with respect to the Term Certificates coming due in March, 1995. After some discussion, Council gave instructions to the Treasurer regarding the sale, and/or investment of these funds.

Charlie Cook MOVED, John Williamson SECONDED the acceptance of the Constitution with changes noted. CARRIED

Averil Thompson suggested a gender change to the word Chairman, by replacing this with another word such as 'Chair' or 'Chairperson'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED by Joy Baby and seconded by Charlie Cook that the Budget Report be deferred to the April meeting.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Dora Haisell that the meeting adjourn.

Next Council Meeting - Wednesday, April 12th.

COMING EVENTS

May 5th-8th, 1995	Ottawa - Canada Remembers (15 have booked. Space for 25)
May 17th	Annual General Meeting
May 23rd	Tour of McMaster Art Gallery & BBQ (To date 38 will attend the tour and 35 will attend the BBQ)
June 15th	Crazy for You - Royal Alex and dinner at Ed's Warehouse
August ?	Annual BBQ (Aug.23rd - 5:30 p.m. suggested)
September?	Canterbury Hills Dinner (Oct. 3rd or 5th suggested)
September 21st	Midland Cruise 30,000 islands and visit Ste. Marie Among the Hurons. (May need 2 buses for this event)
October 17-19th	Frankenmuth-Mackinac Island (one bus may be sufficient)
November 30th	Christmas Lites with tour of Hildebrandt Winery and dinner at Betty's Restaurant
December 11th	Christmas Luncheon - Schwaben Inn (Necessary to determine beforehand how many plan to attend)
Spring 1996	Sunset Boulevard
To be decided	Casino! Casino! Windsor Casino

Jack Evans suggested an April date for a speaker from CARP with Budgets for Seniors as a topic. Jim Walker offered to make enquiries.