

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 1994

Gilmour Hall - Room B109

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

REGRETS: D. Haisell, W. McMicking, J. Williamson and M. Welton

MOVED by J. Evans, seconded by Joy Baby that the minutes of the October meeting be approved, with the following amendment:

D. Hartman should read D. Wartman

CARRIED

Joy Baby reported that the Barnes Collection trip had proved to be most enjoyable for all present, and special mention was made of the delicious lunch.

The Niagara tour has one bus filled and a second bus with 30 out of a maximum of 40 spaces filled.

Showboat has 10 places booked, and interest has been indicated by some members for the Phantom of the Opera event.

Jim Walker reported that MURA had hosted Citizenship Court where 70 people from 28 countries attended.

Jim stated that a meeting has still to be arranged with David Wartman, the Director of Human Resources regarding a number of issues including clean-up of the MURA office space and also matters concerning the Pension Trust Committee. Members were advised that Gerry King, our representative on the Pension Trust Committee has recently suffered a heart attack.

Benefits Planning Committee. Averil Thompson advised that there has been no word as yet of a meeting. Recommendations from the Benefits Planning Committee will be presented when such a meeting is scheduled. A report on behalf of MURA is in process but has not been completed to date.

A brief meeting had been held with President Kenney-Wallace on the Pension Trust regarding voting membership, but as yet no different decision had been made. When Jack Evans mentioned a tour of the McMaster Art Gallery, Dr. Kenney-Wallace said that she could arrange a date in April, at which time we may also wish to hold a BBQ. We will let this stand for a few weeks, after which Jack will speak to Kim Ness and arrange a tour. It was decided to drop the idea of a BBQ at this time.

Dr. Kenney-Wallace advised that an Ad Hoc Committee had been formed to look at Pensions, Benefits, etc. but no retirees had been invited to act on this committee. Although this committee was concerned with current staff, Jack felt that MURA should have had some representation. Charlie Cook offered the suggestion that there should be someone in the Administration with whom MURA could liaise regarding matters concerning retirees, with a view also to having our needs brought before the Board. Carm McMullen stated the President of the University is the person with whom we should be dealing directly.

Council suggested that a letter be sent from the MURA President, Jim Walker, to the new incoming University President, Dr. Peter George, offering our congratulations, as well as trying to arrange a meeting at which a number of issues can be discussed.

Council discussed the proposed new University Centre and it was agreed that MURA should be involved with respect to our request for office and/or meeting space in this area. Jim Walker to contact Mary Keyes on this matter.

Jim Walker reported that Jim Jefferies, who has acted as the Information Officer re Benefits, Pensions etc., will be retiring. He will be acknowledged on November 17th at 3:00 p.m. in the Personnel Office. Jim will also be invited to join us at the Schwaben Inn Xmas Luncheon.

Joy Baby has been purchasing prizes for the Xmas Lunch and Council members agreed that our December 7th meeting will also function as a work party for wrapping prizes to be given out at the luncheon. Jim Walker volunteered to provide the Song Sheets for the Schwaben Inn lunch.

A Remembrance Day Service will be held at the University on Friday, November 11th at 10:45.

It was suggested that a notice be included in the Jan/Feb issue of the MURAL to indicate that free parking is available on campus for retirees, but that they should contact the Parking Office for the appropriate parking tag.

Charlie Cook raised the matter of By Laws/Constitution with amendments. Council was asked to decide on a format for this material, and when this has been done, approximately 1000 copies would be printed. Jack Evans suggested that three quotes be requested for this job.

Several names were offered for attention in connection with services rendered to MURA. Carol Nelson, Eleanor Ecclestone, Gemma Allan (Maxima Tours) and Ann McInnis will be issued invitations to join us at the Xmas Luncheon. A card of thanks will be sent to Links Delicatessen and also to the Schwaben Inn for their services in connection with the summer BBQ and Xmas Lunch respectively.

MOVED by Carm McMullen and seconded by Charlie Cook that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 7TH 1:30 P.M. Gilmour Hall B109