

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes

October 12, 1994

Gilmour Hall - Room B109

PRESENT J. Baby, J. Evans, D. Haisell, D. Jacobs, W. MacPherson, D. Matheson, W. McMicking, C. McMullen
A. Thompson, J. Walker, M. Welton

REGRETS C. Cook, W. Mousley, J. Wiley and J. Williamson

It was MOVED by Dorothy Jacobs and SECONDED by Dora Haisell that the minutes of the September 14th meeting be adopted. CARRIED

The Chairman commented that the confusion over Summer Parking had been resolved, and added that during the Winter every retiree holding an RD sticker may park anywhere on campus (with the exception of the Medical Centre Underground Parking Area and the metered parking in the Divinity College lot).

Averil Thompson reported that the Benefits Planning Committee had not as yet met this fall but that a meeting will likely be called in the near future.

Jim Walker and Jack Evans had met with David ^WHartman, Director of Human Resources. Discussions included the recently introduced Smart Card, especially with regard to hourly paid retirees, the proposed booklet on medical coverage etc., for hourly paid retirees which Bob Tangney had hoped to have published before the end of 1993, also the removal of equipment and personnel materials from the MURA office. David Hartman will check on the points raised at the meeting and this project will be reviewed, as well as the future of the Benefits Committee and its mandate. It was pointed out that the Benefits Committee is an internal committee only, but that its recommendations can be forwarded to the University for deliberation.

A meeting will be held with the University President on October 26th, at which Jack Evans, Jim Walker and Charlie Cook will be present. Representation on the Pension Trust is one important item that Council suggested should be raised, and will be followed up by a letter from MURA.

SOCIAL

Joy Baby stated that 44 people had joined the Bala trip. The Vermont tour had a full busload with 26 attending from McMaster and a number of non-McMaster guests. The weather had been beautiful and the food excellent.

So far 28 people have registered for the Barnes Collection trip with a total of 44 tickets available.

There had been some indication by telephone of interest in the Andres Wine tour.

MURA has been invited to host Citizenship Court on October 27th at 10:00 a.m. to provide coffee and cookies. This event will be held in the Revenue Bldg., Caroline and Main St., Hamilton and volunteers were requested to report at 9:00 a.m. Jim Walker (who will convey greetings from MURA), Betty Walker, Dora and Larry Haisell, Marion Welton, Bill MacPherson and Joy Baby agreed to participate as volunteers at this function.

The Show Boat date for February could appear in the November/December issue of MURAL so that members are aware of this event well in advance.

Joy reported that a person from the Chedoke-McMaster centre had requested Associate Membership in MURA in order to obtain information on upcoming social events. The person, however was advised, regretfully, that only University pensioners are eligible for membership.

Jack Evans and Carm McMullen had attended a luncheon on October 3rd for Faculty retirees. It was stated there will be no division of membership in MURA between Faculty and Non-Faculty. Carm reported that out of a total of 960 retirees, 300 are Faculty (although he pointed out that not all of these are Active members). All persons who have paid their membership in 1993 and 1994 and all persons who have retired since January 1993 are eligible to receive the MURAL.

Averil Thompson and Jim Walker will arrange to submit articles re MURA events for publication in the Courier, also to Heather Larmour who has requested an article on "What is MURA?" for inclusion in "Personnel Affairs".

Jim Walker raised the question of what areas , specifically, MURA members could participate in as volunteers for the University. Areas such as mailings, hosting School of Nursing Program projects, Department of Gerontology and the pre-retirement matters program of the Personnel Department, were areas in which MURA members had volunteered their help. There is a wealth of University expertise within the MURA membership and this information will be made available to the incoming President in 1995.

The Chairman advised that Dorothy Jacobs will not be available this year for Xmas shopping for presents for the Schwaben Inn Xmas Lunch. Jim thanked Dorothy, on behalf of the membership, for her valuable contribution over the past years. Joy Baby volunteered to take over this project and other members agreed to assist in wrapping parcels.

The next meeting will be held on November 9th, but Council was reminded that the December meeting will be held on the **first** Wednesday of the month, December 7th.

Bill MacPherson MOVED and Joy Baby SECONDED that the meeting adjourn. CARRIED