

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 1994 - 1:30 p.m.

Gilmour Hall, Room B 109

PRESENT: C. Cook, J. Evans, D. Haisell, D. Jacobs, W. MacPherson, W. McMicking, C. McMullen, W. Mousley, A. Thompson and M. Welton

REGRETS; J. Baby, D. Matheson, J. Walker, J. Wiley and J. Williamson

Jack Evans presided in the absence of Jim Walker, absent through illness.

MOVED by Carm McMullen, seconded by Bill MacPherson that the minutes of the June 22nd Council meeting be adopted. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

1. The summer Parking confusion appears to have been cleared.
2. New Benefit Plan: Apparently all union groups have elected to stay with their current plan. Averil Thompson will have further discussions with the Benefit Review Committee on this subject.
3. "Smart " cards appear to be working well - no complaints yet. Jim Walker, Jack Evans and Charlie Cook will meet with David Hartman, Director of Human Resources on September 20 at 2:00 p.m.
4. The BBQ was quite successful with 64 attending. Thanks to all involved in arranging this event. An Honorarium of \$20 each was paid to the Links' people serving at the BBQ.

5. Canterbury Hills Dinner - A very good evening enjoyed by the 46 people present. Dr. "Chuck" Johnston gave us a few laughs and provided various details of his interviews behind the writing of his History of McMaster. Carm McMullen suggested that in future we should arrange some kind of car pool. There are a number of people who do not drive and would attend events, especially those held in the evening, if a ride was available.

NEW BUSINESS

1. There will be a meeting with the University President on October 26 at 2:00 p.m. Charlie Cook, Jack Evans and Jim Walker will represent MURA.

2. Social Activities

Bala Cranberry Cruise - Sept. 22. Fully Booked

Vermont Trip - Oct. 7 - 11. Slow response at first but now fully booked

New Trips

Proposed November 2 trip to visit the "Barnes" Exhibition, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto with lunch at the Town and Country Restaurant and a tour of the Harbour Front area:
Cost \$46.

A trip in early December to include a winery tour, meal and the Lights at Niagara, both sides of the border. Cost \$38.

Possible trip in February 1995 - Showboat and lunch:
Cost approx. \$110.

3. Pensions and Benefits Committee

Gerry King has been reappointed as our representative on this committee. His status is still that of a non-voting member (due to pending litigation). Jack Evans is investigating into a legal way to have this status changed to a Voting member, and this problem will remain on our agenda.

4. Jack Evans has been invited to attend a luncheon on October 3. This is a reception for the Faculty Association Retirees. Jack will take this opportunity to point out that MURA is here for all McMaster retirees, and a separate Association for Faculty Retirees is not required.

Charlie Cook wondered if we should pursue why more Faculty do not get involved with MURA.

Carm McMullen will find out the number of Faculty Retirees on our file.

5. Averil Thompson suggested getting information about MURA published in the "Courier" and will get together with Jim Walker on this matter. It has been observed that in the past the "Courier" has shown little interest in MURA.

6. Carm McMullen reported that we now have a membership of 945; of these 459 are "Active" i.e. have paid the voluntary fee of \$10.00 for 1993, 1994 or joined the Association this year. A total of 284 have paid for 1994, including 69 surviving spouses. We had 60 new retirees this year. It was noted that MURA commenced with a membership of 600.

7. Jack Evans suggested that we let the University Administration know that MURA could be involved in volunteer work for the University.

8. The MURAL should be published soon in view of the November 2 Barnes Tour.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

October 12 at 1:30 p.m.
November 9 at 1:30 p.m.
December 7 at 1:30 p.m.

All meetings in Gilmour Hall, Room B109