

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Council Meeting of October 9, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.
in GH B109

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PRESENT: J. Baby, J. Evans (Chair), D. Haisell, S. Hambleton,
M. Hubley, J. Maas, M. Maggs, D. Matheson,
J. McCutcheon, C. McMullen, A. Thompson, J. Walker,
M. Welton, B. White

REGRETS: V. Morrison

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOVED by J. McCutcheon that the Minutes of the September 11 meeting be approved with the following amendments:

The dates for events in Oct. Nov. and Dec. should read '96 rather than '97.

The date for the Canterbury Hills Annual Dinner should read 1996

II. Business Arising

a) Emeriti Prof. Ass'n.

J. Evans had met with Grant Smith, but had nothing further to report regarding this group.

b) The Chair had sent a letter to the Development Office regarding the pledge made by MURA re the Student Opportunity Fund and to the President as directed at the last meeting.

c) Annual Dinner

The Chair expressed thanks to Carm McMullen for his MURAL article on the Canterbury Hills Dinner. Council members M. Maggs, D. Haisell and A. Thompson commented on both the excellence of the guest speaker, John Weaver, and the quality of the dinner.

Council agreed that the Annual Dinner should be continued and suggested a car pool would be advantageous for members requiring transportation to this event, with a notice of such service published in the MURAL.

A. Thompson suggested the name of Chauncey Wood as a possible future guest speaker and the Chair stated there could well be additional speakers from amongst retirees from which to choose. He welcomed further suggestions from Council members.

III. President's Report

i) Pension Ad Hoc Working Group

The Chair had nothing to report since the Group has not met recently.

ii) MUFF

A meeting will be held on October 15 which the Chair is unable to attend, however Council was advised that he is opposed to segregating Research funds.

iii) Faculty Benefit Agreement

This document re revised Faculty benefits was circulated to Council outlining the following items:

1. Drugs
2. Dental for Current Faculty
3. Vision care for Current Faculty
4. Out-of-Province Health Insurance coverage
5. Semi-Private hospital room insurance

This document is to be approved by the Joint Committee and sent for Board ratification.

iv) MUSA Agreement

A copy of the agreement had been received by the Chair who offered to photocopy pertinent areas of the agreement and distribute to Council. The Chair briefly outlined some of the items in the agreement which include:

1. No unpaid days for salaried staff
2. MUSA will endorse revised benefit proposals made by the Joint Administration/Faculty Ass'n. Committee
3. Improvement in the pension indexing formula
4. Semi-private hospital room coverage of \$110/day (maximum) to be paid by Sun Life
5. Elimination of tuition waivers in favour of tuition bursaries for employee dependents
6. The establishment of a joint committee to discuss labour relations

The Chair advised that he had recently approached the Vice-President regarding Personnel mailing records which still include names of employees who have passed away.

IV. Treasurer's Report

D. Haisell reported a bank balance of \$1,931.14. projected

V. Portfolio Assignments

- Visitations

Jack Maas had sent a card to Hilda Williams. Jack was asked to send a card to Madeline Cook who has recently suffered a broken leg.

- Trips

Nov. 28/96 Xmas Lights - Niagara Falls

Dec. 9/96 Xmas Luncheon - Schwaben Inn

Feb. 26/97 St. Lawrence Centre - with lunch at the Town & Country Restaurant

- Benefits

* Margaret Maggs had lunched with the representative of the Librarian's group.

- Courier

Veronica Morrison was not present

- Membership

Carm McMullen distributed membership figures to Council showing an increase in membership over this date in 1995.

- MURAL

Averil Thompson thanked Council members who had assisted in the recent MURAL mailing. The next issue of MURAL will be Jan/Feb '97 in which issue a date for the AGM will be included.

- Xmas Luncheon (Dec. 9)

Marion Welton has booked the Schwaben Inn for this event and commented that the sum of \$100 has been allocated from the budget for prizes. Those to be invited as guests will include the two Award Winners and President Peter George (to be invited by J. Evans). Carol Nelson of Personnel will be invited by Marion Welton. The Tour Company representative will be invited by Joy Baby.

Stan Hambleton has agreed to act as Santa Claus for this occasion.

It was noted that the Schwaben Inn provides taped Xmas music and therefore it was agreed there would be no need for carol singing since the primary reason for this event is for members to socialize.

VI. Other Business

a) Computer

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Brian White volunteered to make arrangements for the pick-up and installation of the computer from the Faculty Association office in Hamilton Hall to the MURA office.

b) President's Letter

Some members of Council had received this letter, but for those who had not, the Chair pointed out the Mac Fest event occurring on Saturday October 19th which is to be a Community Open House.

* c) A Remembrance Day service will be held in Convocation Hall on November 11 at 10:45 a.m.

There being no further business, C. McMullen MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 14:40.

VII. NEXT MEETING: November 13, 1996 AT 1:30 P.M. GH B109