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MCMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. in Gilmour Hall Room 110D

PRESENT: J. Baby, J. Evans, S. Hambleton, M. Hubley, G. Keech, J. Maas, M. Maggs, D. Matheson, J. McCutcheon (Chair), G. Paul, A. Thompson, B. White *Dora Haisell*

REGRETS: V. Morrison, M. Welton

I Minutes of previous meeting

It was MOVED by J. Maas, seconded by J. Baby that the Minutes of the April 8th meeting be approved with the following amendments:

- a) J. Evans' name was misspelled as Evns
- b) J. Maas should have been included among those present
- c) Item IV (President's Report) - The "Eleanor referred to is an administrative staff member in Bldg. 31, Physical Plant.

CARRIED

II Business Arising

- a) MUFF McMaster Fair

The Chair reported he had not attended the meeting of the Fair Committee. Two retirees have indicated they would participate, including Brian Lucas who will also be displaying his pottery art.

This event has a budget of \$35,000, which, to some Council members seems excessive. While the Fair may not use all of this sum, it has, however, been approved.

The Chair recounted how an amount of \$95,000 had been allocated by MUFF for new garbage receptacles and benches in order to help beautify the campus, to which comment M. Maggs suggested that a letter be sent to the committee from the Chair requesting that a portion of the allocated funds be spent on a general clean-up of debris, dandelions, etc. in order that the many visitors to the Fair and the University be favorably impressed with the general appearance of our Campus. It was pointed out that in spite of budget cuts, other University grounds are quite beautifully maintained. The Chair agreed to compose a letter to the Fair Committee stating Council's views and suggestions.

- b) University cheque re K.G. Lamont donation

The Chair had spoken to a Department of O & G administrative person regarding this item. They agreed that in future no University accounts will be used for payment of membership fees.

III Treasurer's Report

D. Haisell circulated the Financial Report to May 1998 which showed a balance of \$5,257.

It was MOVED by D. Haisell, seconded by J. Baby that this report be accepted.

CARRIED

It was also MOVED by Dora, seconded by J. Evans that the Financial Statement of May 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998 be accepted and copies made for distribution at the AGM

CARRIED

IV President's Report

J. Evans advised that the proposed meeting with Human Resources had not taken place. The Chair will consult with Bob Tangney following today's Council meeting.

V Portfolio Reports

- Visitation

J. Maas stated that a sympathy card had been sent to the McCallion family, and a get-well card had gone to Joe Spiegel. Jack could not find Barney Goldsmith's address, but G. Keech advised he would give this to Jack following today's meeting. The Brymer family will also receive a sympathy card from MURA.

- Trips/Special Events

J. Baby reported that the Fiddle and Step event had been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Proposed trips:

- Murder Mystery at the Old Mill
- Overnight tours, both Canada and USA. (The Chair - advised that some resorts etc., in the US may accept Canadian funds.
- Courteauld Collection - Toronto Art Gallery Sept 2
- Kingston Ontario and tour of Thousand Islands. The chair to advise J. Baby of the name and address of an excellent motel in Kingston.
- Magic Show at Niagara
- Pinestone Inn in the Haliburton area

Joy advised that she and Mavis had attended a travel show at Lake St. George and also at Chicago. It is planned by Maxima Tours to fill buses with various groups in order to make events monetarily feasible.

Portfolios (Cont'd.)

- Benefits

Nothing further to report at this time.

- Courier

Since V. Morrison was not present, there was no report.

- Membership

A membership report was circulated to Council by G. Keech. This report is to be circulated at the AGM, together with amended copies of the Constitution.

- MURAL

A. Thompson had no report at this time but advised she would prefer to be relieved of this portfolio for next year. The next issue of the MURAL will be published for June/July distribution.

- AGM/BBQ

B. White has requested 75 chairs for the AGM. To date 77 persons have indicated their attendance at the BBQ. The Thompsons have volunteered to pick up Mrs Nelson so that she may attend.

- Pension

J. Evans advised that legislation allows legitimate administrative costs to be charged against the Pension Fund. A Memo of Understanding between Administration and Pension Plan member groups detailing the base level of these expenses has been signed.

Jack also reported that he had just received the proposed amendments to the Pension Plan Text to meet concerns of the Department of National Revenue and these amendments are to be presented at the May 14th meeting of the Pension Trust Committee. Having just received these amendments Jack could not express either agreement or disagreement with the proposals.

VI Other Business

a) It was MOVED by J. Evans, seconded by B. White that we reappoint Gerry King as the Pension Trust representative of MURA, provided he is willing to serve.

CARRIED

J. Evans offered to act as a temporary substitute for Gerry should this be necessary. It was suggested that a successor, when Gerry's term ends, will be selected at a later date.

b) A. Thompson requested that the agenda for the June meeting include Portfolio Appointments.

c) B. White suggested that past Council members should be invited to the Xmas luncheon as our guests. This item will be considered by the new Council.

d) J. Baby suggested that Council members each call several BBQ guests to request them to bring their own chairs for the BBQ following the AGM

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held June 10th at 1:30 in GH110D.

[M. Maggs offered her ~~Regrets~~ Regrets for the June meeting of Council]

? Dorothy Secretary