

MCMMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 12 1997 at 1:30 p.m. in Gilmour Hall B109

PRESENT: J. Evans, D. Haisell, S. Hambleton, G. Keech,
J. Maas, M. Maggs, D. Matheson, J. McCutcheon (Chair)
V. Morrison, G. Paul, A. Thompson, M. Welton,
B. White

REGRETS: J. Baby, M. Hubley

I Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was MOVED by B. White, seconded by D. Haisell that the Minutes of the October 8th meeting be approved with the following amendments:

Regrets had been received from M. Welton
S. Hambleton and M. Maggs should have been listed as present
Under Forthcoming Events - item i) should read Buffalo
- item iii) should read Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
CARRIED

II Business Arising

a) Follow-up to seminar on Tax and RIFFS held October 23/97

The Chair had received a letter from the CIBC organizer thanking MURA for a successful seminar. The Chair also noted that while the CIBC male speaker had presented an excellent and well researched program, the lawyer from CIBC had been less well received, as had the representative from Revenue Canada. The majority of comments received had indicated that overall, the Seminar had been of benefit to those attending.

b) United Way Market Place - Dec. 17/97

The Chair advised he had received no calls as yet from volunteers for this event. V. Morrison advised that she would be willing to provide musical quilts for sale and Council agreed these would be a popular item. It was suggested that the Xmas Luncheon on December 8th would provide an opportunity to promote the Market Place event.

c) University Centre

The Chair circulated his draft letter to President George concerning the University Centre. The letter was approved unanimously and the Secretary was instructed to date this document November 11th with copies distributed to the following:

President - McMaster University Faculty Association,
President - MUSSA, President - Clinical Faculty Association,
President - Alumni Association

J. Evans advised that a 'Town Hall' type meeting regarding the University Centre is to be held on December 2nd at 1:30 p.m. (locale to be determined) to which Council members are urged to attend.

III President's Report

J. McCutcheon had received a letter from Gerry King, MURA's representative on the Pension Trust Committee with information on suggestions for pension deployment and re-evaluations of the formula. J. Evans volunteered to peruse this letter and report back to Council.

IV Treasurer's Report

A financial statement was distributed to Council by D. Haisell which showed a balance of \$3,107.40 as of November 12/97. A question arose as to the amount and purpose of the \$400 scholarship donation, however no action is to be taken at present regarding this expenditure.

D. Haisell MOVED this report be approved.

CARRIED

V Portfolio Reports

- Visitations

J. Maas reported cards had been sent to the following:

Barney Goldsmith

Elsie Johns

Mrs. Fred Carson

- Trips

Since neither J. Baby nor M. Hubley were present there was no report.

- Benefits

M. Maggs advised she had left several messages for Bob Tangney regarding further updated Benefits information, however to date there had been no response. Notice had been received indicating half-price membership fees for retirees wishing to join the Faculty Club.

M. Maggs was requested by Council to ^{spe. contact} negotiate personally with the Director of Pulse regarding reduced fees for retirees. info for retirees

B. White agreed to attend a panel to be held on November 17th at 2:00 p.m. concerning the views of retirees on retirement or, as in some cases, the views of the 'retiree in the family'.

M. Maggs stressed the importance of insurance coverage for Canadians visiting the USA, even if for only one day. Proper ID documents are necessary as well and J. Baby will be asked for details, if any, regarding a Group Policy.

The question was raised regarding the possibility of a retiree remarrying, and if so, whether the new spouse is eligible for benefits.

M. Maggs suggested that Benefits information could be included under the column in the MURAL entitled "Did You Know?", however any information regarding Benefits would require the full cooperation and input of Bob Tangney.

- Courier

V. Morrison stated that material for the December 10th issue has been submitted and also noted that information re the MURA Xmas Lunch and Xmas Lights events had not been included in the recent issue of the Courier.

- Membership

G. Keech circulated a statement on current membership to Council.

- MURAL

A. Thompson had nothing to report at this time.

- Xmas Lunch

B. White had no report at this time. M. Welton advised she had been allocated the sum of \$60 for gifts. A raffle will also be held at the Luncheon. J. McCutcheon was requested to invite the scholarship winners to be our guests, together with Dr. A. Bourns, Past President of the University and Dr. P. George the University's current President. M. Welton agreed to extend an invitation to Carol Nelson from Human Resources.

- Pension Working Group

J. Evans reported that although the last meeting of this committee was held on October 17th, he was not notified of the date until October 16th. At this meeting a copy of the revised full pension plan text had been reviewed and Jack has agreed to follow up this review with the Faculty Association and MUSSA. He stated he had nothing further to report at this time on the Pension Trust Committee.

VI Other Business

D. Haisell stated that a Xmas tree and stand owned by MURA has been stored by the office of Human Resources over the past several years and that they have expressed the desire to purchase this item from MURA. After consideration it was MOVED by M. Maggs and seconded by B. White that we donate the tree and stand to Human Resources with our blessing. no stem

CARRIED

B. White was asked to enquire about MURA's former office space on the third floor of Gilmour Hall as to whether it is being used as office space or simply as a storage area.

VII The next meeting of Council will be held on December 10, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. in GH B109

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Dorothy Matheson
Secretary