

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES Minutes of the Council Meeting held on **October 8, 1997** at 1:30 p.m. in GH B109

PRESENT: J. Baby, J. Evans, D. Haisell, G. Keech, J. Maas
D. Matheson, V. Morrison, J. McCutcheon (Chair),
G. Paul, A. Thompson, B. White

REGRETS: M. Hubley

I Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was MOVED by J. Baby, seconded by J. Maas that the Minutes of the September 10, 1997 meeting be approved.

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II Business Arising

(a) Seminar October 23rd, Council Chambers Gilmour Hall
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The Chair reported that to date 93 "yes" replies had been received from members who wish to attend in person. Those not able to attend had requested "handouts" be mailed to them.

(b) The United Way Market Place

The Chair had received information from the United Way regarding this Bazaar type event to be held in Convocation Hall on December 17th. MURA has been asked to participate by taking and manning a booth in which saleable goods such as crafts, home baking, pottery, wood carving etc., donated by members, ^{be} sold, and proceeds donated to the United Way. ^

(c) University Centre

Jack Evans brought Council up to date on plans for this project.

III President's Report

(a) The MUFF Committee report was circulated to members by the Chair. He advised that \$95,000 had been approved towards MURA's suggestion for improving the campus environment which involved items such as increased numbers of picnic tables, benches and associated garbage containers.

(b) Associate MURA membership

It was MOVED by M. Maggs, seconded by J. Evans that we approve an Associate Membership category for retirees from other universities. This action ~~must be approved by~~ the general membership at the next Annual General Meeting in the spring of 1998.

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is subject to the approval of

- Benefits

M. Maggs had no report for today's meeting and is still awaiting word on forthcoming plans from Bob Tangney. The Chair stated he had been in contact with John Bowman, Director of Human Resources but to date had nothing further to report.

- Courier

V. Morrison had nothing to report at this time.

- Membership

G. Keech confirmed that the November/December issue of the MURAL will be mailed to "active" members only.

- MURAL

A. Thompson stated that announcements will appear in the November/December issue regarding the following:

- i) Remembrance Day Services on November 11th at 10:45 a.m. in Convocation Hall
- ii) Health Science Auction, November 21st.
- iii) A notice requesting recipients to notify Council of any changes of address.

- Xmas Lunch

B. White was pleased to report that S. Hambleton had agreed to act as "Santa" once again. M. Welton is in charge of draw prizes and the sum of \$60 has been approved for this expenditure. An amount of \$40 has been allocated towards lunch for the three scholarship winners.

The Chair advised that President Peter George will join us at the luncheon for coffee and dessert.

- Pension Working Group

J. Evans had no report at this time since this group had not met recently, however Jack advised that he will be in touch with Les Robb regarding Faculty Association concerns.

VI Other Business

a) Distribution of President's Newsletter

The Chair advised that this matter is presently under discussion and there is to be no comment on this item in the forthcoming MURAL.

b) D. Haisell and J. McCutcheon had received a communication from the English Speaking Union of Canada outlining their activities.

VII The next meeting of Council will be held on November 12, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. in GH B109

Secretary Dorothy Matheson