

## **McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday **February 10, 1999**, at 1.15 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204

Present: John McCutcheon (chair), Joy Baby, Jack Evans, Dora Haisell, Stan Hambleton, Mavis Hubley, Margaret Maggs, Veronica Morrison, George Paul, Gordon Raymond, Averil Thompson and Brian White

Regrets: Gerry Keech and Dorothy Matheson

The meeting started with a minute of silence for Jack Maas, our fellow council member, who passed away on Wednesday, January 27.

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday January 13, 1999 be approved as previously circulated (Averil Thompson/Veronica Morrison Carried)

### **2. Business arising from the Minutes**

a) Update on benefits for non-unionized parking retirees  
Each member of this group is entitled to the coverage effective on the date of retirement. A letter to this effect has not yet been sent by Human Resources to members of this group.

b) Discussion of "social membership"

It was agreed that people who were not McMaster retirees should be allowed to participate in social events and to receive the MURAL.

Motion: that a subscription to MURAL of \$10 per year be made available and such subscribers would be welcome to participate in any social activities, subject to the availability of space. (Joy Baby/Margaret Maggs Carried)

### **3. President's Report**

John McCutcheon spoke of the recent deaths of Jack Maas and Manny Zack, both on January 27. He thanked those who had been involved in writing the notes of sympathy and attending the services on behalf of the Retirees' Association.

Motion: that \$50 be donated to the St. Joseph's Foundation in memory of Jack Maas. (Jack Evans/ Joy Baby Carried)  
Dora Haisell will organise this gift.



#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Motion: that the Treasurer's report for January 1999 be accepted (Dora Haisell/Joy Baby Carried)

Motion: that upon maturity of the \$4,000 GIC issued December 9, 1998, \$2,500 be reinvested in a one year GIC with the Credit Union (Jack Evans/Mavis Hubley Carried)

#### 5. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Jack Evans reported the proposed membership of the nominating committee as follows:

Chair - Past President	: Jack Evans
2 members of Council	: Joy Baby, Veronica Morrison
2 voting members	: Jim Walker, Carm McMullen

Should the need arise, Jack Evans was authorized to recruit others to fulfill the constitutional requirement to have a five member nominating committee.

Five positions on the Council will be open in May 1999:

- 2 members will have completed their current terms of office and one has already indicated his willingness to be nominated for another term.
- 1 member has died and his position will need to be filled for a three year term.
- 2 members have resigned: one position has to be filled for 1 year and the other position for two years.

Motion: that Jack Evans' report be accepted (Jack Evans/Stan Hambleton Carried)

#### 6. Portfolio Reports

a) Visitations - Stan Hambleton had kindly volunteered to do this work as successor to Jack Maas.

b) Events- Fiddle and Step event is on April 8. Joy is looking into a possible visit to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

c) Courier/MURAL- Veronica has had some success in advertising events in Courier. Next MURAL will include notice of the AGM, report of the nominating committee and a further notice of the proposed amendment with a few words of explanation.

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d) AGM/BBQ - Needed: 65 seats, head table for 4, lectern and microphone (preferably free).

e) Retirement Matters - Jack Evans explained the "Pension Review Group Proposal" document dated January 26, 1999, which would be the subject of discussion by members of the Pension Review Committee at 4 pm (Feb 10). It was agreed that for retirees the focus should be on improvements in benefits.



**7. Other Business**

John McCutcheon drew attention to the retirement party for Beth Kerman on Thursday February 25 from 3-5 pm in Gilmour Hall B-106 (Staff Lounge). Cost \$10 per person.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, March 10 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at approximately 3.30 pm.

Averil Thompson  
Understudy Secretary

John McCutcheon  
President