

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday March 10, 1999, at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204

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

Regrets: Margaret Maggs, Dorothy Matheson and Brian White

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday February 10, 1999 be approved as previously circulated (Jack Evans/Joy Baby Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Averil Thompson read a note from Manny Zack's wife, Lillian, thanking the Council members for their sympathy in her recent bereavement.
- b) Dora Haisell reported that she had sent a \$50 donation to St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation in memory of Jack Maas.

3 Treasurer's Report - Dora Haisell

- a) As agreed at the previous meeting, the Treasurer had re-invested \$2,500 of the matured \$4,000 GIC in a one year GIC (at 4%) with the Credit Union.
- b) Letters of thanks had been received for MURA's \$250 donation to the McMaster Student Opportunity Fund and for the \$400 donation to the McMaster Retirees' Association Scholarship Fund. *

Motion: that the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 1999 be accepted as printed (Dora Haisell/Gord Raymond Carried)

4. Nominating Committee Report

The following people served on the Nominating Committee:

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

Jack Evans presented the following slate of nominees:

Honorary President: Dr. A. N. Bourns

Executive: Past President : J. McCutcheon
President : G. Keech
Vice-President : V. Morrison
Treasurer : D. Haisell
Secretary : A. Thompson

Councillors:

Three Year Term (until 2002): F. Drieman, S. Hambleton, A. Sinclair
Two Year Term (until 2001) : J. Evans
One Year Term (until 2000) : H. Jenkins, J. Walker
Continuing (until 2000) : M. Hubley, B. White
(until 2001) : J. Baby, M. Maggs

Representative to the Pension Trust Committee: G. King

Motion: that the 1999 Nominating Committee Report be approved for presentation at the Annual General Meeting (Jack Evans/ Dora Haisell Carried)

5. Portfolio Reports

- a) Visitations/Sympathy cards - Stan Hambleton had sent one sympathy card. He will continue to work closely with Gerry Keech regarding deaths but would also appreciate calls from Council members especially in cases of illness.
- b) Events- Fiddle and Step event on April 8. Joy Baby reported that this is selling very well with only four seats left. She is arranging a visit to the Mystery Theatre at the Old Mill in Toronto, on Wednesday June 16, and also a visit to the Shaw Festival for Heartbreak House on Friday, October 29.
- c) Courier/MURAL- Veronica Morrison reported little success in getting the information she submits published in Courier. It was agreed to change the deadline for information for the next MURAL from April 14 to March 15.
- d) AGM/BBQ - Gord Raymond had made arrangements for tables, chairs, sound system etc., to be provided at the AGM for an approximate cost of \$100.

Motion: that \$125 be allocated to cover AGM expenses (Jack Evans/Joy Baby Carried)

- e) Retirement Matters - Jack Evans has been working with John McCutcheon, Gerry King and Gerry Keech to identify ways in which retirees' benefits might be improved in a tax neutral manner. Also, as our representative on the Ad Hoc Committee on Salaries and Benefits, he has requested that all retirees should enjoy the same benefits as faculty and professional librarian retirees. If agreement can be reached on recommendations, implementation would be subject to a favourable ballot by those affected and also the approval of the government regulatory bodies concerned.

Motion: that those representing MURA Council (on other committees) be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (George Paul/Dora Haisell Carried with one abstention)

7. Other Business

- a) It was agreed that "correspondence" be added after "Approval of the Minutes" as a regular item on future agendas.
- b) McMaster University Futures Fund (MUFF)
Council members were asked to think of possible money-spending suggestions for the MUFF committee to consider.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 2.45 pm.

Averil Thompson
Understudy Secretary

John McCutcheon
President