

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday November 11, 1998
at 1.30 pm in GH-204

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

Regrets: Stan Hambleton, Mavis Hubley, Gerry Keech, Jack Maas, Dorothy Matheson and Veronica Morrison

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 14 be approved as printed (Averil Thompson/Margaret Maggs Carried).

2. Business arising from the Minutes

a) Auditors- John McCutcheon has not yet contacted Warren Mousley to invite him to become one of two auditors for the MURA accounts.

b) Update on fringe benefits options

Human Resources is organizing the mailing today, two weeks later than the recently promised date. Non-faculty retirees are being invited to an information session on Monday November 23, which will be similar to the one recently held for faculty retirees.

Motion: that the MURA council recommends to the ^{not} non-faculty members that they ~~do not~~ consider changing to option #4 because of the inequality it introduces among our members. (Jack Evans/Joy Baby Carried).

Motion: that the MURA Council recommends to the administration that the new benefits option being offered to existing retirees should be non-discriminatory (i.e. non-faculty members be offered the same as faculty members). (Margaret Maggs/Dora Haisell Carried).

3. Treasurer's Report

Motion: that the Treasurer's report for October 1998 be approved (Dora Haisell/Jack Evans Carried)

4. Portfolio Reports

a) Visitations- Averil promised to phone Jack Maas regarding the deaths of Hugh Robinson (Oct 23) and Fred Carson's wife, Jean Eleanor (Nov 7).

b) Events- Joy Baby reported an excellent response for the Cullen Gardens outing on Thursday November 26.

- c) Benefits- these were already covered by Margaret Maggs under item #2.
- d) Courier/MURAL- The most recent Newsletter had been mailed to all retirees on November 2.
- e) Christmas Lunch- Brian White reported that the gifts have been purchased. John McCutcheon will invite the new Chancellor, Dr. Melvin Hawkrigg.
- f) AGM/BBQ Gord Raymond had nothing further to report regarding these 1999 events.
- g) Retirement Matters- Jack Evans explained some of the complexities in dealing wisely with a pension surplus of 200 million dollars. The committee reviewing retiring provisions for salaried employees (on which he represents MURA) is meeting at frequent intervals.

5. Other Business

- a) Jack Evans had received a call from Herb Jenkins who was interested in the distribution of Couriers to retirees on a subscription basis (\$15 per year for 19 issues). It was decided to ask Veronica Morrison to follow up on this. Advertising the subscription option in the MURAL might be helpful to our retirees.
- b) Tina Horton is organising a bake sale on Tuesday December 1 and would appreciate support from retirees. John McCutcheon will contact Tina and will tell her gently that MURA is not able to help her this year.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

7. Adjournment

Gordon Raymond moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 3.10 pm.

Averil Thompson
Understudy Secretary

John McCutcheon
President