

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday December, 8, 1999, at 1.30 pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204

Present: Gerry Keech (chair), Joy Baby, Frank Drieman, Jack Evans, Dora Haisell, Stan Hambleton, Mavis Hubley, Herb Jenkins, Margaret Maggs, John McCutcheon, Averil Thompson, Jim Walker and Brian White

Regrets: Anne Sinclair and Veronica Morrison

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, November 10, 1999, be accepted as previously circulated (John McCutcheon/ Brian White Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

Gerry had received information from Tim Nolan regarding policy on tour accommodation for the disabled and a copy of this had been provided with the agenda to members present. There was considerable discussion regarding practical ways in which MURA might be able to provide "reasonable accommodation" provided that needs were known at the time of booking. Gerry will do some further work on this.

3. Correspondence

a) CIS

Pat O'Day had asked Gerry Keech whether MURA would be willing to supply any "support" for the CIS Main Office Helpline. Assuming he was asking for money to fund some additional help, the Council members were not willing to use MURA funds for this purpose.

b) Barry Diacon, President of the Support Staff Association, had written to welcome Frank Drieman as an observer at MUSA meetings.

4. President's Remarks

The Christmas lunch was well attended and a great success. Many thanks to Brian White and Joy Baby for a job well done!

5. Treasurer's Report

Dora Haisell presented her report and pointed out that \$350 had been received from the Travel Account.

Motion: that the Financial Report for November 1999 be accepted as printed (Dora Haisell/Jack Evans Carried)

6. Portfolio Reports

a) Membership - Gerry is still reconciling MURA records with Human Resources data.

b) Visitation - Stan Hambleton is now able to resume his duties.

c) Events - Due to the TA strike and pickets on campus, Joy has made alternative pick-up arrangements for the outing on December 9.

d) MURAL/Courier - It was agreed that the next edition will be March/April and will contain information relevant to the AGM in May.

e) AGM/Buffer - Jim Walker said that the AGM will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2000.

f) Christmas Lunch - Brian reckoned that 87 people attended - an increase on last year.

g) Benefits - Margaret had nothing to report. Stan Hambleton mentioned that Sun Life is very slow in paying St Josephs Hospital for his semi-private care. Human Resources is trying to get this problem resolved.

h) Jack Evans reported on much time-consuming work which is being done with the assistance of tax and actuarial experts. He mentioned that arrangements for the voting will be very costly.

i) MUFF - Bob Carter had informed John McCutcheon that maintenance work is planned for the Refectory and Convocation Hall.

j) MUFA liaison - Gerry Keech and Herb Jenkins plan to meet soon.

k) MUSA liaison - Frank had nothing to report at this time as there had been no meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall, Room 204.

7. Adjournment

Dora Haisell moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 2.50 pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Gerry Keech
President