

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday January 12, 2000, at 1.30 pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204

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

Regrets: Frank Drieman, Herb Jenkins, Anne Sinclair and Jim Walker

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, December 8, 1999, be accepted as previously circulated (Jack Evans/Joy Baby Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

Gerry Keech had drafted the following wording which was approved for publication in the MURAL and for use in advertising our events:

"We encourage and welcome all members who are able, and so wish, to attend any or all of our planned outings. However, keep in mind that, within our limited means, we are not able to provide special care beyond "courtesy assistance". We will provide to the best of our knowledge, an assessment of the accommodations and physical difficulty associated with each outing. We ask that you carefully judge whether you should have a companion accompanying you to ensure your health, safety and personal needs. If you have any doubts or concerns please contact....."

Joy Baby and Mavis Hubley will contact Maxima Tours, as appropriate, regarding information which would be helpful to retirees with disabilities.

3. Correspondence

Gerry Keech had received information from Barry Diacon regarding the new contract with MUSA (which did not include semi-private care).

4. President's Remarks

- a) Gerry Keech has been asked to speak at the upcoming reception for 1999 retirees, which will be held on Monday February 7, 2000 from 3.30 - 5pm in the Great Hall of the Faculty Club.
- b) Gerry will write a letter on behalf of MURA members congratulating Dr Peter George on receiving the Order of Canada.
- c) At the request of Dr Peter George, Jack Evans had met with the President. Dr George had assured Jack that, following the appointment of Sandy Darling's replacement, the new VP Administration's first priority would be to address problems in Human Resources, especially in the Benefits area. Dr George made a commitment to arrange a meeting between the new VP Administration and representatives of the MURA Council.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dora Haisell presented the financial report for December 1999, which showed a balance of \$3,347.59 on December 31.

Motion: that the Financial Report be accepted as circulated
(Dora Haisell/Jack Evans Carried)

6. Portfolio Reports

- a) Membership - Gerry is still working on the reconciliation of MURA records with Human Resources data. There is a continuing problem with letters being returned, despite being addressed correctly according to Human Resources.
- b) Visitation - Stan Hambleton had sent several sympathy cards.
- c) Events - 25 people have booked for Stage West Dinner Theatre on March 15. Joy is hoping to arrange for an outing to the Stratford Festival (? Fiddler on the Roof).
- d) MURAL/Courier - next publication will be for March/April with a deadline for copy February 9. Margaret Maggs will provide a paragraph about the fund raising campaign.
- e) Pension Matters - Jack Evans reported that work is ongoing to redraft "the proposal" based on expert legal, actuarial and tax advice.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall, Room 204.

8. Adjournment

John McCutcheon moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 3.05 pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Gerry Keech
President