

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday June 2, 1999, at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204

Present: Gerry Keech (chair), Joy Baby, Frank Drieman, Dora Haisell, Mavis Hubley, Herb Jenkins, Margaret Maggs, John McCutcheon, Veronica Morrison, George Paul, Averil Thompson, Jim Walker and Brian White

Regrets: Jack Evans, Stan Hambleton and Anne Sinclair

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 1999 be accepted as printed (John McCutcheon/Brian White Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

John McCutcheon reported that the question of the Ivor Wynne fee for retirees had not yet been resolved and correspondence with Sandy Darling is ongoing. Margaret Maggs had found documentation from 1992-96 clearly showing that retirees were entitled to free access.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the 14th AGM be endorsed for presentation and approval at the next AGM in May 2000 (Dora Haisell/John McCutcheon CARRIED)

4. Correspondence

- a) The Faculty Association newsletter had been received.
- b) The second annual McMaster Fair will be held on Thursday July 8, 1999 from noon until dusk. All members of the McMaster community are being invited to participate and it is hoped that a broad range of hobbies and interests will be featured. Further information is available from Pam Penny at extension 24580.

5. President's Remarks

Gerry Keech said that he was looking forward to working with the Council and noted that the main focus of the Association seemed to be moving gradually from the organisation of social events towards advocacy, particularly in the benefits area. Although coming from a variety of employee groups, we are now "bonded" as the retiree group.

6. Reports

- a) Visitations - Stan Hambleton had sent one sympathy card.
- b) Finance - Dora Haisell reported that the Association had a bank balance of \$2561.00 on May 31, 1999.
- c) Benefits - It was agreed that the regular meetings with Human Resources Director John Bowman and staff need to be resumed.
- d) Canterbury Hills dinner - Kim Ness, Director of the McMaster Museum of Art, has accepted Gerry Keech's invitation to speak.
- e) Christmas Dinner - Joy Baby will try to book the Schwaben Inn for Monday December 6, 1999.

7. Assignment of Portfolios and Responsibilities

These were agreed as follows:

Membership	Gerry Keech
Annual General Meeting	Jim Walker
Annual Buffet (May)	Stan Hambleton
Christmas Lunch	Brian White
Trips/Special Events	Joy Baby, Mavis Hubley and Anne Sinclair
Visitations, etc.	Stan Hambleton
MURAL/Courier	Veronica Morrison
University Relations	President Gerry Keech
	Past President John McCutcheon
	Vice President Veronica Morrison
Benefits (non-pension)	Margaret Maggs
Pension Trust Committee	Gerry King and Frank Drieman
Pension Matters (except Pension Trust Committee)	Jack Evans and Frank Drieman
MUFF (McMaster University Futures Fund)	John McCutcheon
At Large (incl. Faculty Association liaison)	Herb Jenkins
MUSA Liaison	Frank Drieman
Understudy for Secretary	Veronica Morrison
Understudy for Treasurer	Anne Sinclair

8. Other Business

- a) Brian White said that some electrical work needs to be done in the President's house and suggested that MUFF funds might be used for this purpose. Gerry Keech thought that this suggestion should be channeled via Sandy Darling to MUFF and will follow up on this by drafting a letter to him.

- b) Averil Thompson will write a letter to Dr. and Mrs. George thanking them for their most kind hospitality on May 26.
- c) Frank Drieman suggested that MURA might organize a meeting place on campus where retirees could enjoy card games and general sociability on a regular basis. It was agreed that this should be considered further at a future meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall, Room 204. (This room has also been booked for our remaining meetings in 1999.)

10. Adjournment

Margaret Maggs moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 2.45 pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Gerry Keech
President