

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday May 10, 2000, at 1.30 pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204

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

Regrets: Frank Drieman, Gerry Keech and Anne Sinclair

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Item 5 Treasurer's Report - change last sentence to read as follows: It was decided to keep the annual donation at \$10 for the time being and review the matter in a year's time.

Motion: that, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 12, 2000 be approved as previously circulated (Margaret Maggs/Joy Baby Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

Invitations to a lunch at the President's House on Thursday, June 8, had been received by Council members.

3. Correspondence

a) Veronica had received a letter from Duc Le's Office enquiring who would be taking the place of Gerry King on the Pension Trust Committee. She had responded that it would probably be Frank Drieman, subject to confirmation at the AGM on May 24.

b) After the last meeting of the Council a decision had been made to send \$50 to the Cancer Society in memory of our former secretary, Dorothy Matheson.

Motion: that the Council give retroactive approval of the decision to give \$50 to the Cancer Society in memory of Dorothy Matheson (Jack Evans/ Joy Baby Carried)

Dora Haisell gave Averil Thompson a thank you card and a receipt for \$50 from the Canadian Cancer Society (North Wentworth Unit).

4. Treasurer's Report

Dora Haisell explained that she had not closed the books until May 4 in order to accommodate the bank clearance of the payment to McMaster University of \$5,264.36.

Motion: that the Treasurer's Report for April 2000 be approved as circulated. (Dora Haisell/ John McCutcheon Carried)

Dora presented the MURA Financial Statement for the period May 1, 1999 to May 4, 2000 which showed a balance in the account of \$1031.53 plus GIC investments totalling \$4,500.

Motion: that the Financial Statement for the period May 1, 1999 to May 4, 2000 be approved as circulated and that it be typed for presentation at the AGM (Dora Haisell/ Herb Jenkins Carried)

5. Nominating Committee Ballot Form for AGM

John McCutcheon presented a draft ballot form and a draft letter to nominees, both of which were approved. After the AGM the secretary will write to new Council members enclosing a listing of Council members, dates of forthcoming meetings and copies of the minutes for April and May 2000.

6. Possible purchase of more up-to-date computer and data base software

There was much discussion about the need for new equipment and also the difficulty in obtaining up-to-date information regarding retirees (especially changes of address) from Human Resources. It was agreed that when Gerry Keech is well enough we ask him for his suggestions on suitable new hardware and software. It was also agreed that regular meetings with senior administrators (such as the President, Vice-President Administration and Director of Human Resources) are essential to clarify and address the communication problems.

7. Portfolio Reports

- a) Membership - Veronica circulated statistics which will be provided at the AGM.
- b) Visitations - Stan had visited Gerry Keech in Hamilton General and had also arranged for a basket of fruit to be delivered to him.
- c) Events
 - Joy reported that she now had 39 people for *Fiddler on the Roof* on May 19 and that there has been a good response for the Shaw Festival outing on September 26. Mavis Hubley and Anne Sinclair will be arranging new events (Walk with Patsy Cline, November 2 at St Jacobs and Famous People Players, December 7 in Toronto).
 - Mavis said that she had booked the September 12 dinner at the Chamber of Commerce for \$30 per head which included gratuities. There will be a cash bar. Ken Hall was suggested as a speaker and Jack will tune in to the Bay Restoration web site to obtain further information. Bob Brattina was suggested as a second choice.
- d) MURAL/Courier - Veronica plans to publish at the end of the second week in June. She would like copy as soon as possible and no later than June 5. Dora will provide labels by the end of May.
- e) AGM - Jim Walker has organized chairs, lectern and microphone. Stan has the buffet arrangements in hand. Veronica will chair the meeting and will organize the various handouts (e.g. agenda, financial report and membership figures). Averil asked that each person giving a report provide her with a copy for use in the minutes of the AGM.

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