

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday November, 10, 1999, at 1.30 pm, in Gilmour Hall Room 204

Present: Gerry Keech (chair), Frank Drieman, Dora Haisell, Herb Jenkins, Margaret Maggs, John McCutcheon, Veronica Morrison, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson, Jim Walker and Brian White

Regrets: Joy Baby, Jack Evans, Mavis Hubley, and Stan Hambleton

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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After the word "submission" add "regarding continuing improvements to campus grounds"

Page 2 section 6 Portfolio Reports c) Events

Delete the last two sentences and substitute the following:
"The Council agreed and suggested that caregivers should not be charged for the event. However, no decisions were made and Gerry Keech will seek some advice re human rights before he tries to draft a brief policy"

Motion: that, subject to the changes above, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, be accepted as previously circulated (John McCutcheon/ Brian White Carried)

2. Correspondence

None had been received

3. Treasurer's Report

Dora presented her report showing a balance on hand of \$2,747.81 on October 31, 1999.

Motion: that the Treasurer's Report for October 1999 be accepted as printed (Dora Haisell/Jim Walker Carried)

4. Portfolio Reports

a) Membership - Gerry is still working on the reconciliation of Human Resources records with our MURA records.

b) Visitation - Gerry said that Stan Hambleton is making progress. A card to Stan was signed at the meeting.

c) Events - Nothing to report.

d) MURAL/Courier - Those present thought that the November/December edition of THE MURAL was very good.

e) AGM/Buffer - Jim Walker suggested Wednesday, May 24, 2000, for the AGM/Buffer and had already made a provisional booking for the Eleanor MacKay Room.

f) Christmas Lunch - Brian has arrangements in hand. The President, Dr. Peter George, and his wife, as well the Chancellor, Mel Hawkrigg and his wife, Marilyn, are invited.

g) Benefits - Margaret had received one letter concerning a long delay in reimbursement for a temporary denture. She will follow up on this.

h) Pension Matters - nothing to report.

i) Pension Trust - nothing to report.

j) MUFF - John McCutcheon reported that a total of \$1,040,000 had been allocated to a variety of projects including: continuing improvement to the interiors of buildings; improvement to the grounds; support for faculty and staff called upon to give papers at conferences; a field house feasibility study; and scholarships for the children of McMaster faculty and staff.

k) MUFA liaison - Herb Jenkins is working with John Platt regarding the best way to keep in touch. Herb's article, "Have we saved McMaster's historic core?", published in the November-December MURAL had generated some interest. The Refectory is part of the heritage core and MURA Council's concern for the maintenance of this building will be reflected in its next submission to MUFF.

l) MUSA liaison - Frank Drieman has been on holiday but will follow up on the possibility of attending monthly MUSA meetings as an observer.

5. Other Business

a) Letters to the editor - Readers of MURAL will be invited to contribute beginning with the next publication.

b) Policy on Caregivers - Gerry Keech will follow up with Tim Nolan re the human rights aspects of such a policy.

c) Formulary - John McCutcheon has obtained a copy of the current OHIP formulary, which will be kept for reference in the MURA office.

d) Appeals process - Herb Jenkins expressed concern that there appeared to be no appeal procedure for retired faculty who are denied the University privileges and access to resources necessary to pursue their research work.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall, Room 204.

7/8. Adjournment

Dora Haisell moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 2.45 pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Gerry Keech
President