

McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

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

Present: Gerry Keech (chair), Joy Baby, Frank Drieman, Jack Evans, Dora Haisell, Mavis Hubley, Margaret Maggs, John McCutcheon, Veronica Morrison, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson, Jim Walker and Brian White

Regrets: Stan Hambleton

Absent : Herb Jenkins

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on June 2, 1999 be accepted as printed (Brian White/Joy Baby Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

a) Averil had written a note of thanks to President and Mrs George for their kind hospitality on May 26.

b) Jack Evans suggested that it would be very helpful to designate a person to gather information and monitor the situation regarding the Formulary. John McCutcheon volunteered to set the ball rolling by obtaining the OHIP Formulary used in connection with ~~major~~ medical benefits. CARP might be able to provide additional relevant information.

3. Correspondence

The secretary was given several letters for the correspondence file.

4. President's Remarks

a) Stan Hambleton had undergone surgery on August 18 and Gerry had sent flowers on behalf of the Council.

b) Gerry had been participating in arrangements for McMaster fund raising. Information would be published soon in the MURAL.

c) In connection with the Year of the Older Person, Eleanor Ryan is asking for contributions towards a publication "From Me to You" - letters from grandparents to grandchildren and vice versa. The next edition of MURAL will contain an insert about this project and will indicate the December 1999 deadline date for contributions.

5. Financial Matters

Motion: that the Tresurer's Report for the three months ending August 31, 1999 be accepted as printed (Dora Haisell/Anne Sinclair Carried)

The proposed budget for the period May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000 was presented. On the line for stationery the figure should be \$200 (not \$500) for the 1999-2000 budget, thus making total disbursements \$6,805 and receipts/disbursements \$550 (not \$250).

Motion: that the proposed budget be approved subject to the changes listed above (Jack Evans/John McCutcheon Carried)

6. Portfolio Reports

- a) Gerry Keech presented his report showing 1132 regular members and 129 non-regular members.
- b) Visitation - Gerry had sent seven sympathy cards. Additional names were given to him.
- c) Events - Joy said that the Bracebridge trip is a sell-out and the Shaw Festival outing has been so well supported that she has ordered a larger bus. Roast beef was chosen for the Canterbury Hills dinner on Tuesday September 14. Bob's 7 day cruise, June 17-24, 2000 is one of our future events.
- d) MURAL/Courier - Alvin Lee will be writing an editorial for the next MURAL which has a deadline date of September 14.
- e) AGM/Buffer - Link's bill was \$1,124.21 of which diners paid approximately \$700.425
- f) Christmas Lunch - December 6 at the Schwaben Inn. Brian reported that arrangements are in hand. Dora will give him \$75 for prizes.
- g) Benefits - Margaret Maggs reported that the non-unionised parking staff have been sent the information requested about their benefits. The Dep't of Athletics and Recreation will not be charging a membership fee for those who, at the time of retirement, were promised a lifetime free membership.
- * h) MUFF - the committee is still looking for suggestions and Council members are invited to call John McCutcheon. Brian suggested re-wiring of the President's House and several Council members were in favour of money being spent to improve the grounds. Jack Evans said that he is a member of the Alumni Memorial Building Task Force and consequently would be in a conflict of interest position regarding any discussion of the building at a Council meeting.

Board of Directors of the Faculty Club, which is a major tenant of the

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- i) MUFA liaison, MUSA liaison - Gerry Keech will write to MUFA and MUSA informing them of the links through Herb Jenkins and Frank Drieman respectively.
- j) Pension Matters - Jack Evans shed light on the working document dated August 23, 1999, which he had kindly sent to each Council member prior to the meeting.

Motion: that MURA Council endorses the August 23 working document presented by Jack Evans, on the understanding that the proposal to the membership for endorsement would be more clearly set out.
(Jack Evans/Frank Drieman Carried)

7. Other Business

a) Gerry Keech raised the matter of Social Memberships as described in the minutes of February 10, 1999. It was agreed that there would be no special MURAL mailing to those non-members who joined from time to time in our outings. (Secretary's note: In effect this rescinds the motion made on February 10, 1999 as recorded under item 2b.)

b) Jack Evans mentioned that there was information on the web-site about the proposed new entrance to the University. Two public meetings are to be held in the coming week.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall, Room 204. (Frank Drieman's suggestion regarding a meeting place for retirees on campus will be on the agenda)

9. Adjournment

Dora Haisell moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 3.30 pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Gerry Keech
President