

Mc Master University Retirees' Association

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday December 12th, 2001, at 1:30 pm, in University Hall Room 317.

Present: Frank Drieman (chair), Marju Drynan, Jessie Dunlop, Marilyn Elliot, Jack Evans, Mavis Hubley, Mildred McLaren, Veronica Morrison, Helen Otrosina, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White

Regrets: Helen Barton, Stan Hambleton, Herb Jenkins and Gerry Keech.

1. Welcome

Frank Drieman welcomed Council members and Jack Evans

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Page 3 Any Other Business - change the first sentence to read as follows: Bonnie White and Jessie Dunlop thought that the MURA office needed to be spring-cleaned.

Motion: that, subject to the above change, the minutes of the meeting held on November 14th, 2001 be approved as previously circulated. (Bonnie White/Anne Sinclair -carried)

3. Business arising from the minutes

(a) Discussion regarding the indemnification of Council members and the definition of a retiree were both postponed until the next meeting due to the absence of Helen Barton and Gerry Keech.

(b) Mail box - Frank Drieman said that he had been promised delivery before Christmas.

(c) Refurbishing of the MURA office Frank Drieman has this matter in hand and reckons that the items needed (corner computer unit, chair etc.) will cost approximately \$1000 to \$1,200.

4. Update on the Pension Surplus

Jack Evans said that some delays were being encountered regarding the mailing of the promised information package, which is expected to have three main components:

- an update on the approximate amount of money for which the person is eligible
- an information booklet outlining options available to retirees and
- a form to be completed and returned indicating chosen options.

Jack hopes to provide Veronica with some information regarding progress in time for the next edition of the MURAL early in January 2002.

5. President's remarks

Status of access to University e-mail for retired staff - Frank Drieman reported that progress is being made and a procedure for application and payment is being developed. However, this proposed new privilege has not yet been officially approved.

6. Treasurer's Report

Jessie Dunlop said that there had been little activity in November. She had provided \$75 to Bonnie White for the purchase of small gifts for the Christmas luncheon and she had transferred \$2,100 to ING

7. Portfolios

(a) Christmas lunch - Bonnie White said there were 90 retirees and 5 guests at the lunch. The consensus was that there were a few problems (especially slow service) and that Bonnie should write a letter to the Schwaben Inn about our concerns.

(b) Trips/Special Events - the trip to Simcoe was a great success. There is a waiting list for Mamma Mia. Further interesting trips are being planned. Mavis Hubley and Anne Sinclair gave Frank Drieman a cheque for \$100, which he gave to our Treasurer. This money was excess to requirements in the Trips/Special Events account and is a reflection of the profitability of events directly organized by Mavis and Anne,

(c) MURAL - Veronica Morrison plans to have the next edition ready for mailing for January 4th 2002.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday January 9th, 2002, at 1:30 pm in University Hall Room 317.

9. Adjournment

Mildred McLaren moved the adjournment and the meeting finished at approximately 2:45pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Frank Drieman
President