McMaster University Retirees' Association

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday; January 9th, 2002, at 1:30pm in University Hall Room 317.

Present: Frank Drieman (chair), Marju DrYnan; Jessie Dunlop, Marilyn Elliot, Stan Hambleton, Mavis Hubley, Gerry Keech, Mildred McLaren, Veromca Morrison, Helen' Otrosina, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White

Regrets: Helen Barton and Herb Jenkins

1. Welcome

Frank Drieman welcomed everyone and wished us all a happy 2002.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held onWednesday December 12th, 2001 be approved as previously circulated (Anne Sinclair/ Mavis Hubley carried)

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Mail Box - Frank Drieman reported that the mail box is in place but he plans to request a cover for the slit.

(b) Refurbishing the MURA office - a new chair has arrived and tile new desk, assembled by Grand and Toy, is in place.

(Indemnification of Council members and the definition of a regular member of MURA will be on the agenda for the February meeting.)

4. President's Remarks

(a) Status of access to University e-mail for retired staff - Frank said that work to facilitate , this privilege is still in progress.

(b) Frank is trying to get a MURA account set up so that charges could be made directly rather than through Human Resources and our Treasurer would be sent a monthly statement.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jessie Dunlop presented her report for the eight months ending December 31st, 2001, which showed a balance at the end of the year of\$10,105. On January \$3,400 of that balance was transferred from the Credit Union to ING.

The \$29.50 refund from Operations and Maintenance has not yet surfaced although it relates to overcharging for work done for the AGM in May.

6. Portfolio Reports.

(a) Membership - Bonnie White reported that the records are up to date.

(b) AGM / Annual Buffet – Stan Hambleton will try to book the President's House for Wednesday May29th. Frank Driemann and ,Helen Barton will try to identify a suitable classrom with raked seating and good microphone facilities for the AGM., which precedes the buffet.

(c) Christmas Lunch – Bonnie White wrote a letter to the Schwaben Inn expressing some concerns but has not received a reply yet.

(d) Trips/Special Events – Mavis Hubley and Anne Sinclair said that they had been receiving very good responses for the varous trips.

(e) Cards and Visits – Stan Hambleton said that he had sent three cards.

(f) MURAL, and Courier - Veonica Morrison said that Jack Evans may wish to send a letter on appropriate stationery to all retirees regarding the Pension Surplus. This would go as a special mailling unless there were significant delay, in which case it might be sent with the next edition of the MURAL..

7. Any Other Business

Question - who pays for our office phone? Nobody seemed to know.

8. Next Meeting

The next mmeeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday February 13th, 2002, at 1:30pm, in University Hall Room 317.

9. Adjourment

Marju Drynan moved the adjourment and the meeting ended at approximately 2:45pm

Averil Thompson Secretary Frank Drieman President