

McMaster University Retirees Association

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday June 12th, 2002, at 1 :30 pm in University Hall Room 317

Present: Frank Drieman (chair), Marju Drynan, Marilyn Elliot, Jessie Dunlop, Erica Giese, Mavis Hubley, Veronica Morrison, Helen Otrosina, A veri! Thompson and Bonnie White

Regrets: Helen Barton, Gerry Keech, Mildred McLaren, Carm McMullen and Anne Sinclair

1. Welcome

Frank Drieman welcomed everyone and particularly our new Council member, Erica Giese, who has been appointed for a three year term.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous Council meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday May 8th, 2002, be approved as previously circulated (Helen Otrosina/Marilyn Elliot carried)

3. Review of the minutes of the AGM

Motion: that the minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday May 29th, 2002, be presented to the next AGM for approval as printed (Mavis Hubley/Erica Giese carried)

4. Business Arising from the minutes

(a) Follow-up on changes to the Constitution

Averil has been in touch with Gerry Keech, who has the MURA Constitution on his computer in "Word";. He may be able to enter the agreed changes and then put the document on a floppy disk for Bonnie, who could enter it into the MURA computer, which also has "Word". Averil has promised to provide Gerry with a list of the agreed changes and where they should be inserted.

It was suggested by Marju Drynan that all MURA members should be provided with a copy of the amended Constitution and it was agreed to mail it (when ready) with the MURA News.

(b) Follow-up on e-mail access

It was agreed that in a future MURA News there should be a summary of the new e-mail policy and the name(s) of person(s) to contact for further information.

5. President's Remarks

Frank said that Carm McMullen had agreed to take the place of Herb Jenkins, who had resigned recently, one year before the end of his three year term of office. Carm is a

faculty retiree who has served on the Council before and was in charge of the membership portfolio.

6. Correspondence

(a) Frank read a note from Anne Sinclair thanking the Council for the lovely plant which had been sent to her by Stan Hambleton.

(b) We now have a card for the Bookstore enabling us to charge purchases for the Association to our account. The card is available from Bonnie White as needed.

(c) We are invited to an open house on Thursday June 27th, from 12 noon to 4pm in the office of the Secretariat (Gilmour Hall second floor) in honour of Kathy Brown, who is retiring. There is no charge for attending but those wishing to make contributions towards a gift may do so through Joan Morris.

(d) Frank read a letter from Dr. J. Brasch, of the Department of English, asking whether retirees wishing to have occasional use of the University Club (formerly Faculty Club) could obtain a special membership with a lower fee. Frank said that he would make some enquiries.

7. Treasurer's Report

Jessie did not present a written report, as it was such a short time since her statement at the AGM on May 29th. However, she did mention that the catering bill for the AGM amounted to \$961.98 (\$13.74 per person based on our order for 70 people). Mavis Hubley reckoned that only 46 people attended. The waste of food and money prompted some members to suggest that on future occasions it would be wise to have a deadline for the purchase of tickets. Various other ideas were aired about the nature and location of future AGM receptions and it was agreed that this subject be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council on September 11th.

8. Assignment of Portfolios

Erica Giese has agreed to assist Veronica Morrison with her MURA News/ Courier Portfolio. Helen Otrosina has agreed to look after the Cards/Visits Portfolio and will contact Stan Hambleton for information and advice on how this job is done. Frank Drieman volunteered to take responsibility for "Pension Matters". It is hoped that Carm McMullen will look after Liaison with Faculty retirees.

9. Portfolio Reports

(a) Membership

Bonnie White gave the revised figures for the active membership drive - 161 new members and 146 updates.

(b) AGM / Annual Buffet

Mavis said that 46 people attended the buffet. (Please see item #7 Treasurer's Report)

(c) Trips and Special Events

Mavis gave details of three forthcoming events

Rice Lake Cruise September 25th

Octoberfest October 15th

Festival of Northern Lights November 27th

(d) Cards and Visits

Helen Orosina will be sending get well wishes and a plant to Stan Hambleton.

(e) MURA News/Courier

Veronica is working on the next issue and mailing may take place in the week beginning June 17th.

(f) Benefits

Marilyn had nothing to report, except that she had received a phone call from a retiree enquiring about the likely distribution date for the excess pension surplus. No definite date can be given at present, but Jack Evans had suggested at the AGM that the distribution might start between Thanksgiving and Christmas of 2002.

(g) Pension Trust Committee

Frank Drieman reported that, at the next PTC meeting, a sub-committee will be formed to deal with the partial pension contribution holidays granted to active members and paid from the pension surplus funds, while pensioners receive nothing at all.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, September 11th, 2002, at 1:30 pm, in University Hall Room 317. (There will be no meetings in July and August.)

11. Adjournment

Marilyn Elliot moved the adjournment and the meeting ended at approximately 3pm.

Averil Thompson
Secretary

Frank Drieman
President