

# McMaster University Retirees Association

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday October 9th, 2002, at 1:30 pm, in University Hall Room 317

Present: Mildred McLaren (chair), Marilyn Elliot, Carm McMullen, Helen Otrosina, Anne Sinclair, Averil Thompson and Bonnie White

Regrets: Helen Barton, Frank Drieman, Marju Drynan, Jessie Dunlop, Erica Giese, Mavis Hubley, Gerry Keech and Veronica Morrison

## 1. Welcome

Mildred McLaren welcomed everyone to this small meeting.

## 2. Approval of the Minutes

**Motion:** that, subject to the correction in spelling of Helen Otrosina's surname in 3 (b) line 6, the minutes of the meeting held on September 11th, 2002, be accepted as previously circulated ( Anne Sinclair/Marilyn Elliot Carried)

## 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) MURA office – slimming of the files

Anne Sinclair and Averil Thompson had spent a morning sorting information related to travel, minutes and general correspondence. The blue box did well, Averil has arranged minutes of Council meetings and AGM's in chronological order in binders. At some point they may be quite useful in tracing the history of our Association.

(b) AGM May 28th, 2003

Averil promised to give Helen Otrosina and Helen Barton a brief synopsis of the arrangements for AGM's since the first one in 1986.

(c) MURA web site

There was nothing to report at this time.

## 4. Correspondence

Averil Thompson reported that, on behalf of the Council, she had written a note to Dr. Peter George thanking him for the elegant luncheon in the West Room of the University Club on Wednesday September 15th.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Jessie Dunlop, Mildred McLaren reported that few cheques for active membership had been received since the last meeting. We currently have a healthy bank

balance with ING direct in addition to an adequate balance in the Credit Union account for our operational needs.

## **6. Vice President's Remarks**

(a) Mildred McLaren reminded Council members that a Remembrance Day Service will be held on Monday November 11th, at 10:45 am, in Convocation Hall. It is expected to last about an hour.

(b) Mildred said that she had attended a luncheon for retired faculty and librarians on October 8th. Although she was introduced to the guests as Vice President of MURA, she was not given an opportunity to speak to the group about the work of the Association. However, on a one to one basis, both Mildred and Carm endeavoured to stimulate interest in active membership and possible service on the Council.

## **7. Portfolios**

### **(a) Trips/Special Events**

Anne Sinclair said that there are a few seats left for the Octoberfest trip on Oct. 15th. There is a waiting list for the Festival of Northern Lights on November 27th. Money was refunded to two people who were unfortunately not picked up in Burlington on September 25th for the Rice Lake trip. However, they did arrive by car in time to join the rest of the group for a delicious lunch and a very successful cruise.

(b) Christmas Lunch - Frank Drieman had met with the owner of the Schwaben Inn and impressed upon him the need for speedier service.

(c) Helen Otrosina kindly volunteered to be the MURA photographer

## **8. Next Meeting**

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

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at approximately 2:25 pm.

Averil Thompson  
Secretary

Mildred McLaren  
Vice President