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Minutes for COUNCIL MEETING of McMaster University Retirees Association, Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 1:30 PM in MUSC-230

1. Welcome & Regrets

Present: Cliff Andrews, Helen Barton, Brian Beckberger, Gail Britton,
Dianne Coventry, Beth Csordas, Phyllis DeRosa-Koetting, Nora Gaskin,
Heather Grigg (chair), John Horsman, Les King, Betty Ann Levy, Shep
Siegel

Regrets: Anna Fleming, Carolyn Rosenthal, Peter Sutherland

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 Council Meeting December 13, 2017 (for approval)

Moved by Brian Beckberger, **seconded** by Gail Britton

“that the minutes of December 13, 2017 be approved”

Carried.

3. Human Resources Report (Anna Fleming) – no report

4. President’s Report (Heather Grigg)

- A meeting with Roger Couldrey is scheduled for later in the month to address outstanding HR issues
- deadline for submission of CURAC award recommendation is Jan. 31
- Debbie Weisensee, a former Assistant Director and Project Manager at McMaster Financial Services, has agreed to take on the role of auditor.

Moved by Helen Barton, **seconded** by Brian Beckberger

“that the Debbie Weisensee be appointed as MURA auditor for the current year”

Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report: (Beth Csordas)

- invoices will go out to our funding partners this week
- our budget for the Christmas lunch was \$325, and the amount of money spent was \$41.05

6. Reports on Special Projects

6.1 Academic Awards Endowment (Beth Csordas)

- The fund now stands at \$80,904 up \$2,069 from December's meeting, and only \$4,000 short of our goal

6.2 Archives (Mary Johnston) -- no report

6.3 Fundraising – MURA Cards (Beth Csordas) -- no report

7. Information Reports from Committees

7.1 AGM (Gail Britton)

- June 6 has been confirmed as the date for the AGM
- we are still looking for speakers; some ideas:
 - Optimal Aging Portal
 - new digital media
 - nutrition and/or physical activity as a factor in healthy aging -- Jennifer Heisz, Kinesiology, brain fitness; Helen will ask Kathy Overholt to explore the topic "physical fitness as fountain of youth" if needed

7.2 Christmas Lunch (Gail Britton) – no report

7.3 Communications (Helen Barton) – a number of emails were sent to the listserv

7.3.1 Condolence cards (Helen Barton) – written report

7.3.2 Web site (Nora Gaskin) – CURAC page added; will send login details to Council members for Council-only section

7.4 Constitution & By-Laws (Dianne Coventry) – no report

7.5 Membership (Helen Barton) – no report

7.6 MURAnews (Phyllis DeRosa-Koetting) -- deadline for next issue is Jan. 12th; stuffing party will be Jan. 28th or 29th

7.7 Nominating (Les King)

- Nominating Committee members will be Phyllis deRosa-Koetting, Peter Sutherland, Margaret Jenkins, and Kathleen McIntosh
- Peter Sutherland will step down as a Council member at the end of this year; his position will be filled by the nominating committee

7.8 Pensions & Benefits (Peter Sutherland) – no report

7.9 Trips & Special Events – McMaster Family Health Team/Health Tapestry had a healthy aging series of lectures last spring; organizers have offered that if MURA would like a series of specific sessions for members, they would be willing to do it. We could either find someone, or publicize their public lectures to members, or do nothing. Helen will discuss with Kathy Overholt.

7.10 Volunteering (Betty Ann Levy) – no report

8. Information Reports from Liaisons

8.1 University Board of Governors (Betty Ann Levy) – no report

8.2 CURAC (Heather Grigg) – no report

8.3 MUFA (Shep Siegel) – no report

8.4 Unifor (Vacant) – no report

8.5 Hourly Staff Liaison (Dianne Coventry) – no report

8.6 Hourly Pension Committee (Cliff Andrews) – no report

8.7 Salaried Pension Committee (Brian Beckberger)

- The numbers that Brian gave us at the last meeting from the July 1, 2017 audit report should be public, but the Working at McMaster pension page hasn't been updated yet; he will send an email to HR about this, and he will put together a quick article for MURAnews about where the pension increase numbers come from.

9. Other Business

Moved by Brian Beckberger at 2:12 pm

“that the meeting be adjourned”

Carried.