

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING
OF THE
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION
HELD ON
OCTOBER 26, 1988
AT 1100 HOURS
IN THE SGW FACULTY CLUB

- 3.1 The meeting was called to order at 1120 hours. Once again there were many new faces. A print out of members and potential members was sent around, and those present signed in.
- 3.2 The agenda was approved (Boswall/Villemaire).
- 3.3 The Minutes of the meeting of May 4, 1988, were approved (Van Toch/Greer).
- 3.4 Chairman's Remarks
- The Chair commented that we had arranged with the University to do two things:
- 3.4.1 (a) For the Department of Human Resources to distribute Membership Application Forms to people who retired this last year (some people got them and some didn't, apparently);
- (b) For the Treasury to open an account which allows us to charge postage, supplies and printing. In effect they have agreed to act as our banker.
- 3.4.2 At the moment, the Application Form and the Constitution are available only in English, but Lila Van Toch has provided a translation of the Application Form, and arrangements have been made to have the Constitution translated into French as soon as possible.
- 3.4.3 We lost two of our members between the last meeting and this one, Don Peets and Reg Parry.
- 3.4.4 With regard to the staggering of terms of office for the Executive, so we won't all retire at the same time, Lib Gardham will retire at the end of this year, Jim Whitelaw in two years and Jack Bordan at the end of three. Mona Osborne will retire at the end of this year, Lila Van Toch at the end of two years, and Vince Drolet at the end of three years.

The Executive will serve as the Nominations Committee for the election which will be held at the Spring meeting.

3.4.5 Report on the status of representation on the Benefits Committee. Our request has been received positively, but they have not responded finally. We wrote after our last meeting and quoted the resolution which appears in the Minutes. We received a letter (July 28) asking us to provide further information, and responded by letter of August 4.

3.6 Report from 1986 Retirees ad hoc group

Because of the absence of Vincent Drolet, the Chairman of this particular group, Lib Gardham made a brief report describing the problem faced by the ad hoc group.

3.7 Christmas Party? Financial Planning Seminars?

- (a) Larry Boyle is prepared to provide a post-retirement follow up seminar. A possible title for his workshop would be "Your Finances in Retirement - Time for a Check-up?" A straw vote indicated an interest in such a seminar. Arrangements will be made.
- (b) A Christmas Party - Don Greer reminded the meeting that the University has a Christmas Party every year - this year it is scheduled to take place on December 10.

Kay Brown suggested a Christmas luncheon, which received a good response. It was agreed that December 14 would be the date. Confirmation, menu, and negotiated price will be sent out in time for cheques to be received before December 14.

- (c) The Chair pointed out that just last week we had received notice of an increase in our pensions, which represents partial indexing for the past two years. We are delighted that the University remembers us, and not just in terms of an increase in the medical insurance plan.

Potter would appreciate some background on what the basis of the calculation was. What was the formula? Alan Adamson wondered if they intend to apply such a formula in the future as well? The question will be asked.

Other Business

Sarah Maritzer wondered if we could have a questionnaire circulated to retirees to try to determine how they are coping with retirement. What kind of activities are they involved in? The results might help retirees to make their lives more interesting.

Bordan suggested that we might get help for a study from appropriate faculty members, such as Sociology. The problem would be how to handle the cost of such an undertaking.

Maritzer suggested that we could send the questionnaire out with one of our regular mailings.

Vivian Bailey pointed out that hospitals are crying for volunteers, if there are those who lack things to do or a focus in their post-retirement lives.

Dagmar McDougall pointed out that McGill are using retirees as consultants - like Canadian Executives overseas, for example. Bordan asked her if she would pursue this on behalf of the group and let us know more details at the next meeting.

Don Greer asked if it would be possible for pensioners to have a parking permit which would allow them to pay to park on the Loyola Campus if there is room. It is not worthwhile for pensioners to pay the \$56 to park there once in a while. This permit could include your name and your licence number so you couldn't pass it on to anyone else to abuse.

Bordan said we could include this with questions as to other services the University is willing to provide - things that shouldn't disappear when you cease to work fulltime.

Joseph Rodick suggested that for emergencies mailing charges could be avoided by using a telephone tree, each member being responsible for telephoning a maximum of two others. This would mean it would be necessary for each member to have a membership list, complete with telephone numbers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 3, 1989, at 1100 hours. This will be our Annual General

Meeting at which we will elect executive members
(to replace those whose term ends in June 1989).

Someone asked if we would hear about the progress
made with regard to representation on the Benefits
Committee before then. Bordan replied that an
announcement could be made at the Christmas
luncheon.

3.10

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1240 hours.