

Cornell Class Council Meeting Feb 19, 2025 via Zoom was called to order by Class President Jamil Sopher

Opening of Meeting 4:58PM Meeting called to order by President Jamil Sopher

Adjournment of Meeting 5:12 PM Meeting Adjourned by President Jamil Sopher

Meeting Attendance: President- Jamil Sopher, Vice Presidents –Liz Gordon and Steve Hand, Treasurer-Laureen Knutsen, Secretary-William Vanneman Jr. Class Correspondents Joan Johnson and Stephen Appell, Reunion Chairs-Myron Jacobson (and Liz Gordon), Immediate Past President-Frank McCreary, Class of 1965 Gift Chair Jeff Kass, and Council members- Charles Andola, George Arangio, Mike Duffy, Penny Haitkin, Bob Kessler, Grace Morgentein, Judith Rushmore, Bruce Smoller MD, Barbara Turner, Susan Weitz and Lauren Coffey from Cornell Administration

- 1) Treasurer's Report-Laureen Knutsen- (Attached) In Brief-Ending Balance FY2024= \$129,683
- 2) Fund Raising-Jeff Kass- The 60th Reunion Campaign has raised almost \$4.7M from 298 donors including 46 Tower Club members(\$10K+) and 49 Giving Partner Donors (\$1K+). The Legacy Gift to the Class of 1965 Student Mental Health Fund totals \$197,000 in cash and an additional \$82,000 in pledges (Total \$279,000). The Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund Market Value is \$427,132 with Projected payout of \$15,477 with a Library Resources Endowment Value of \$83,288 with payout of \$3,040. Gift Instructions included in Attachments
- 3) Myron Jacobson and Liz Gordon reviewed the extensive ongoing planning for Reunion 2025. A Full Schedule will be published in early April. In Brief, Headquarters will be on North Campus in Barbara McClintock Hall, Highlights: Thursday, June 5-Welcome reception and dinner, Friday June 6@10:00 the Class of 1965 sponsored Climate initiative (Cornell's attempt to use Geothermal energy to heat the Campus by 2030), Friday dinner at Human Ecology Commons with Corey Earl (unofficial Cornell historian), Saturday June 7, the Coaching Program originated by Class of 1965 to provide "resiliency" resources to students throughout the Campus. This Mental Health Program will be moderated by Bruce Smoller MD, featuring Julie Edwards, EdD, Asst VP for Student Health. This Class of 1965 sponsored Mental Health Coaching program is at the Base of pyramid

of mental health efforts designed to aid students experiencing stressful situations. Referral would focus "up" the pyramid for students needing more intensive psychological and psychiatric services. Reception and Dinner Saturday night will be at Statler, with possible visit by Cornell President Kotlikoff. Sunday morning Breakfast and Class Meeting with departure by noon on Sunday

McIntock Hall is near easy Bus Transportation to all events

Registration is expected to begin in early April

- 4) Classmates are encouraged to contact "Affinity Groups" ie. those whom were part of their social, athletic, academic, etc. to encourage return to this important Class of 1965 Reunion event.
- 5) Joan Johnson and Steve Appell encouraged news for the Class Column
- 6) Steve Hand reviewed the Webmaster report and recommended no changes in the present structure. He has recorded 444 deceased classmates
- 7) Jamil Sopher, Class President reviewed efforts of Class Council over the year and preparations for the upcoming 2025 Reunion, which will be the first official Reunion since 2015 (2020 cancelled because of Covid)
- 8) Efforts for individuals with various types of disabilities were discussed, there are available (limited) hotel rooms at Statler and Best Western for those more comfortable with off campus housing
- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 1712 by President Jamil Sopher

Respectfully submitted

William Vanneman Jr, Class of 1965 Secretary