

Cornell Class of 1965 Class Council Meeting via Zoom, March 24, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Class President Jamil Sopher

Participants: Class President Jamil Sopher, Penny Haitkin, William Vanneman, Susan Weitz, George Arangio, Sharon Williams, Myron Jacobson, Jeff Kass, Joan Johnson, Stephen Hand, Lauren Knutson, Grace Morgenstein, Mike Duffy, Walt Gadkowski, Becky Basket, Judy Rushmore, Liz Gordon, Bob Kessler, Chuck Andola, Steve Appell, Frank McCreary

1. A spirited discussion developed about ideas for the Centennial Class of 1965 Class Gift for the Sixtieth Reunion in 2025. Ideas about structural gifts, financial aid for students to help with interest on student debt, were among ideas discussed. President Jamil Sopher requested a committee be formed to investigate ideas, Penny Haitkin, and Jeff Kass volunteered to be heads of the committee, and requested approximately an 8 member committee be convened. Chuck Andola, George Arangio, William Vanneman, Bob Kessler, Liz Gordon contributed specific ideas. Volunteers with ideas about this important 60th Reunion Gift are requested to contact Jeff Kass, and Penny Haitkin.
2. Treasurer's Report (attached). Sharon Williams reported excellent overall financial strength (End of Year balance \$128,323) with Class of 1965 Scholarship fund (Market Value \$398,892) and Library Resources (Market Value \$79,131). Multiple Council Members commented upon the letter of appreciation from last year's scholarship recipient. Sharon also noted the slow reduction in Classmates paying Class Dues, now down to 265, out of total of approximately 1600 known members of the Class of 1965. A concern about disposition of Class funds after 2040 was briefly discussed.
3. The Webmaster's Report (attached). Steve Hand noted that the Class of '65 website provided information including: a) ongoing class updates, b) deceased classmates, c) Minutes for the Jan 2021 meeting, d) updates to Cornell links. Liz Gordon, Joan Johnson, George Arrangio pointed out how critical the Class website is to communication with Class of 1965, and questioned how best to Link our Class of 1965 website to the new "Cornellians" electronic and print publications, as well as other Cornell efforts to encourage class activities. Liz Gordon volunteered to work with Steve Hand to maximize ease of access to the website and to update activities that will involve Class of 1965, in addition to Reunion activities.
4. Class Correspondent Report. Joan Hens Johnson and Steve Appell encouraged Class Council Members and all Class of 1965 members to fill out on line forms re. current activities. This will also be a good way to market the Class of 1965 Website, ideas for 60th Reunion Gift, Donations, Scholarships, etc.
5. Prior to the cessation of publication of Cornell Alumni Magazine, Class Dues had been combined with an option to receive a print copy of Cornell Alumni Magazine. A further donation to Scholarship and Library funds was included with the Class Dues notification. Several Council members had discussed the possibility of elimination of

class dues : a) Sufficient funds remain in Class Treasury to cover expected expenses through the 75th Reunion b) Some individuals may have difficulty with this expense c) Cessation of Class Dues might encourage additional Class of 1965 Class participation. Others expressed concern: a) the idea of "Free" would reduce participation, and possibly donations b) unexpected expenses might drain Class Treasury c) there is no guarantee of University support over time. The Class Council debated these points and decided to suspend Class Dues for this year, and evaluate the situation over time, leaving open the option of reinstating dues in the future. The usual yearly notification will be sent to all Classmates with address on record emphasizing donations to Class of 1965 Scholarship and Library funds.

6. The Webmaster and Class Treasurer require special skills, and these tasks have been ably undertaken by Steve Hand and Sharon Williams through many reunion cycles. Steve and Sharon acknowledge importance of assistance and succession planning for future years, and volunteers will be sought for a special assistant role.

Respectfully submitted

Class of 1965 Secretary

William Vanneman Jr.