

MINUTES
Cornell Class of 1965 Officers' Meeting
Philadelphia Marriott Hotel
Saturday, February 7, 2009

Members Present: George Arangio, Barry Cutler, Beth Fowler, Liz Gordon, Duke Grkovic, Myron Jacobson, Bob Kessler, Frank McCreary, Grace Morgenstein, Roberta Tarbell, Jim Venetos, Sharon Hegarty Williams

Members Participating by Telephone: Glenn Billington, Ron Harris

Members Not Participating: Steve Apell, Marlene Krauss, Arnie Rabinor, Joan Elstein Rogow, Judith Kellner Rushmore, Ken Schneider, Terry Kohlreiter Schwartz, Natalie Teich,

Also Present: Becky Baskett (President Cincinnati Alumni Association), Rich Glick (University Alumni Fund representative for Class of '65)

The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Barry Cutler and Sharon Williams at 10 AM.

Minutes of the meeting held in Philadelphia on February 9, 2008, having been distributed and read online, were, on motion made and seconded, approved with the correction of one misspelling.

Treasurer's Report, having been distributed and read, and on motion made and seconded, was approved. Beth Fowler reported that the class gained members. We have 464 as of the end of December. Our net income is negative \$2,838 as of the end of September 2008. We do incur the bulk of our expenses in the first half of the year and we had a one-time significant cost that was spent on upgrading the website. The consensus is that the website was a worthwhile expenditure and that we should look to ways to increase our income.

Presidents' Report:

The website has been a class priority. Ken Schneider has changed the web developer. The costs for maintenance should be lower because most structural changes were made and "upkeep" is less time intensive. Kudos to Ken for yeoman's work on this.

Sharon reported that Yining Han '12 Arts and Sciences is the recipient of the Class of '65 scholarship. Han is from New Jersey and his intended major is China Asia Pacific Studies. He plans on becoming an RA in the language House next year, and his future goal is to become a professor.

We would like to focus on increasing our funding for the class scholarship as our project for the 45th reunion. We need to look at the current criteria for our class scholarship and make sure it is still relevant and whether we want to change any of the criteria. The following have volunteered to work on the **scholarship committee**: George Arangio, Becky Baskett, and Frank McCreary.

We need to be thinking about who to nominate for class council when we meet at our reunion in June 2010. Barry and Sharon asked us all to think about it now well in advance. We should also write up in the class column that we are looking for people who would like to serve.

Barry attended a meeting on what can be done to make Mid-Winter meeting more worthwhile. The concept of training was discussed. And rising out of that meeting is the notion of creating a position of "immediate past president(s)" to provide more continuity to class leadership. After a lively discussion in which the pros and cons of retaining the expertise of the immediate past presidents as a way of easing transition, a committee was formed to come up with possible amendments to our by-laws to accomplish this concept. The

committee will consist of Ron Harris, George Arangio, Liz Gordon, Glenn Billington, and Myron Jacobson—in addition to the two current presidents.

Reunion Report

George reported that IT'S TIME! He believes we should plan for 120-150 to come back. The university average has been 132 comes back for the 45th. The cost will probably be \$300-\$310 plus room and transportation. We will need to be mindful of costs when selecting class souvenirs—though we will be able to sell the leftover polo shirts and hats from the 40th since they do not specify a year. The class of '64 is being housed on West Campus in one of the new air-conditioned dorms. Grace, who will be attending with her husband, will check it out.

There are 51 active classmates who help every reunion year and all regions are covered. We would like 10-15 more people to get involved. It was suggested that each of us target 1 or 2 people.

Getting current e-mail addresses will be key. Let's ask for them in the class column and on dues forms. We will also publicize well on the website and in all letters sent to classmates.

Class Projects

Rich Glick from the annual fund participated in this part of the meeting. We have a tradition of fundraising to support class projects. Since the university is focusing on scholarships, that jibes nicely with our intent to continue to increase the Class of '65 scholarship as the primary project for the 45th reunion. We will put scholarship information—about the recipients as well as about fundraising—on the class website. Rich will send us the current scholarship description so that the scholarship committee can come up with new criteria if necessary. The university prefers preferences in the criteria rather than restrictions. We will discuss a bigger project for the 50th.

Class Dues Payers

We should encourage classmates to select auto renewal for renewing their class dues, but must also make the auto renewal mechanism more conspicuous. Rich Glick will get back to us with information on whether people are using the dues payer rewards.

Fundraising

George would like us not to include donation suggestions on mailing for reunion. We should, however, do major signage at reunion encouraging gifts. Liz to help George with this.

Interim Events

Sharon reported on a small but successful event planned by Joan Johnson in Boston, held at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. She encouraged all of us to plan one of these in the next year. We will have a class dinner in conjunction with the Cornell-Boston U. hockey game to be held at Madison Square Garden on November 28, 2009. Per discussion at the meeting, Jim Venetos went ahead and secured a room for the pre-game dinner at the Cornell Club of NY.

Next CACO Meeting: February 5-6, 2010 in Philadelphia. (It is possible that the venue and dates for this meeting may change, but, for now, mark our calendars!)

Reunion Dates: June 10-13, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Gordon
Class of '65 Secretary