

MINUTES
Cornell Class of 1965 Officers' Meeting
Boston, MA Marriott Copley Place Hotel
Saturday, January 17, 2015

Members Present: George Arangio, Liz Gordon, Joan Johnson, Bob Kessler, Judy Rushmore, Jamil Sopher, Roberta Tarbell and Sharon Williams. Also present were Judy Russell Davidson, Lauren Morgenstern, Brenda Teeter and Bill Vanneman.

Members Participating by Telephone: Becky Baskett, Glenn Billington, Barry Cutler, Beth Fowler, Mike Gibson, Myron Jacobson, Frank McCreary, Grace Morgenstein, Joe Ryan, and Barbara Turner. Also participating by telephone was Steve Appell (Class Historian).

Members Not Participating: Bill Allaway, Margaret Haine, Penny Haitkin, Ron Harris, Nicholas Kass, and Jim Venetos.

The meeting of the Class Council was called to order by President George Arangio at 3:15 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Arnold Rabinor and Wilson "Duke" Grkovic.

The Minutes of the prior year's meeting, held on January 18, 2014, had been previously distributed and approved by email vote. They are posted on the class website.

The Treasurer's Report was not available and discussion and approval were deferred until the report could be completed. Subsequent to the meeting, the report was completed, distributed to the Class Council and approved by email vote. The Treasurer's Report will be posted on the class website.

Vice President's Report (Liz Gordon)

Liz provided a written report and stated that the Catch Up with Classmates initiative is on hold in favor of encouraging classmates to submit biographical information and essays for inclusion in the Reunion Yearbook. All class Council members were urged to participate in this effort.

Liz's report, and all other written reports referenced in these minutes, will be posted on the class website.

Class Website (Barry Cutler)

Barry reported that the website is running well. We have a new tech person, Keith Kubarek, who has been very helpful. We have a reunion page, and essays submitted by classmates about their Cornell experience are being posted on the website and will be included in the reunion yearbook. All classmates are encouraged to submit essays.

Barry reported that approximately \$2000 had been spent on the website during the first half of the fiscal year and requested approval of another \$1750 through the end of June. After discussion, these expenditures were approved by the Class Council. Review of the expenditures will occur March 31, 2015.

50th Yearbook (Bob Kessler)

Bob reported on progress with the class yearbook. On January 12, 2015, a request was sent by CornellConnect to 1550 classmates requesting biographical information and essays for the yearbook. The goal is to collect at least 200 bios, and as many essays as possible.

Bob is working with Entourage Publishing of Princeton, NJ. The books will be good quality, hard-bound books of about 250 pages with 36 pages in color. A motion was made and seconded for approval of a budget of \$15,000 for up to 450 books. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Class History (Steve Appell)

Steve submitted a written report. In addition to providing materials to Barry for the class website and to Bob for the yearbook, Steve will make available his collection of 1961–65 songs for use at the reunion. Steve's report will be posted on the class website.

50th Reunion (Myron Jacobson)

Myron submitted a written report and stated that preparations for the reunion are moving along as planned. The reunion committee and their areas of responsibility are as follows:

Joan Johnson – Publicity
Robert Tarbell – Events
Becky Baskett – Registration
Grace Morgenstein – Hospitality

The Class Treasurer will be the financial manager of the yearbook. The reunion events will include: Thursday night sing along organized by Roberta; Friday morning Class Forum organized by Jamil Sopher; Joel Perlman sculpture exhibit Friday afternoon; Saturday afternoon dedication of the A.D. White Gateway; and Saturday evening super-supper with the Class of 1990. Adding the Class of 1940 is also being considered. Myron's report will be posted on the class website.

Roberta submitted a written report on reunion events and Jamil submitted a written report on the Class Forum. Both reports will be posted on the class website.

50th Reunion Affinity Groups (Lou Ferraro)

Lou has taken the lead in recruiting and organizing volunteers to contact members of affinity groups to encourage attendance at the 50th Reunion. Lou submitted a written report on this effort and a copy of his report will be posted on the class website.

Reunion Campaign (Judy Rushmore and Mike Gibson, Co-Chairpersons)

Judy reported on the Reunion Campaign. The goal for the campaign is to raise \$8,500,000 and as of January 14, 2015, total gifts and pledges were \$7,500,000. Brenda Teeter congratulated the class on the outstanding success of the Campaign at this stage.

Class Correspondents (Joan Johnson and Ron Harris)

Ron Harris is retiring and the class thanks Ron for his service. Joan will continue as class correspondent but needs assistance. The nominating committee is looking for two volunteers to assist Joan.

Deceased Classmates

George reported that there were 237 deceased classmates from our class as of December 31, 2014. As in the past, we will dedicate the Freshman Reading Program Book to the classmates who died in 2014 when we send the book out later this year.

Class Project, the A.D. White Gateway (Sharon Williams)

Sharon reported that we exceeded our \$50,000 fundraising goal for the project, raising \$53,000 from approximately 60 donors. The additional money donated will go to the Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund. The project is a new gateway arch at the entrance to the A.D. White Gardens, a beautiful gift from our class to the University. There will be a dedication ceremony on Saturday afternoon of Reunion Weekend and all donors will be acknowledged at the dedication.

Communications (Joe Ryan)

George reported for Joe Ryan. Joe intends to send a special pre-reunion marketing newsletter describing what is planned for the Reunion to all class dues payers and to those classmates who attended the 25th Reunion.

Class Events (Lou Ferraro)

Lou submitted a written report listing the mini-reunion events planned for the first five months of 2015 in advance of the 50th Reunion. A copy of Lou's report will be posted on the class website.

Class Membership (George Arangio)

We have 1795 living members of our class, approximately 800 of whom are active in some way with Cornell. As of January 10, 2015, there were 429 classmates who have paid class dues.

George submitted a written Membership Report which will be posted on the class website.

President's Report

George announced that the nominating committee for class officers for the next five year cycle will be: Joe Ryan (chair), George Arangio, Liz Gordon, Courtenay Hoag, and Bob Huret. The committee will decide on a slate of officers to be posted on the class website in April and presented to the class for approval at the Class Meeting to be held at the 50th Reunion.

The President's message for 2015 will be posted on the class website in a timely manner after this meeting.

New Business

Sharon Williams made a motion that \$5,000 from the class treasury be donated to the Sesquicentennial Class of 2015 in honor of their graduation and our 50th Reunion. The motion was seconded by Jamil Sopher. George, Grace and Myron suggested as an alternative giving the money to the class scholarship fund or library fund. After further discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 16 for to 1 against.

George announced that the next CALC meeting will be in Philadelphia on January 22-24, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank McCreary
Class Secretary