

2019 Cornell Class of 1965 Meeting

February 8, 2019

Class of 1965 President, Frank McCreary, called the Meeting to Order at 15:33 in the Boston Common Room at the Sheraton Hotel.

Present at the Meeting in addition to President McCreary were, Past President George Arangio, Vice President - Liz Gordon, Secretary - William Vanneman Jr., Penny Haitkin, Joan Hens Johnson, Bob Kessler, Judy Rushmore, and Jamil Sopher

Participating by Phone were Treasurer - Sharon Williams, Becky Basket, Barry Cutler, Lou Ferraro, Steve Hand, Myron Jacobson, Grace Morgenstein, Barbara Press Turner, and Hon. Patricia Williams.

The resignation of Roberta Tarbell was accepted (family health issue), and the untimely passing of long time Class of 1965 advocate Dave Mellon was noted.

1. The Minutes of the 2018 Meeting, previously approved by online vote in March 2018, was reviewed.
2. Sharon Williams presented and discussed the Treasurer's Report (previously distributed on line). Information about the Library Resource Fund and Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund is pending. The Treasurer's Report will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting. The balance was noted, and discussion centered on expenses for the upcoming 55th reunion in June 2020. Motion to Approve - George Arangio, Second - Jamil Sopher, approved unanimously
3. Steve Hand presented and discussed the Webmaster's Report. Many expressed concern about the security of Facebook, and the lack of benefit of linking Facebook to the Class of 1965 Website. The consensus was no benefit to linking, and this will not be pursued. Motion to Approve Webmaster Report - Penny Haitkin, Second - Bob Kessler, approved unanimously
4. Myron Jacobson is beginning to work on Class of 1965, 55th Reunion and he will attend the 2019 Reunion. A bus tour of Campus, and a luncheon at the Dairy Barn were suggested as ideas. Several other Class of 1965 Council members will also attend the 2019 reunion to help with planning. Liz Gordon suggested working on the Website to direct traffic toward the 55th Reunion, and Joan Johnson encouraged submissions to the Cornell Alumni News as a tactic to improve attendance. A Registration Chair will be needed to coordinate the incoming reunion attendees.
5. President Frank McCreary presented and discussed the President's Report. The Ezra Plan was reviewed, Class Statistics will be reported on the Website. Active Dues Payers have dropped from 338-317 in this "between reunion" period. This is similar compared to other classes in this cycle. None involved in the discussion of dues felt there would be any benefit to changing

the dues from the present \$65 level. The President's letter will be mailed in early March discussing the upcoming 55th Reunion, requesting submissions to the Alumni News, encouraging all to pay Class Dues, and directing all to the Class Website. Eighteen new deceased classmates were reported; now a total of 314 on the Class Master list. There are two vacancies on the Class Council, per Section 11, Article 6; the President will appoint a nominating committee to fill these vacancies.

6. Judy Rushmore has organized a Florida luncheon for March 19, an annual event now in its ninth year. Twenty Classmates are planning to attend, and Brenda Teeter from Alumni Affairs will represent Cornell. All liked the idea of events in other locations at other times.

7. Kate Fryer joined the discussion and passed out a list of the Class of 1965 giving history. Jamil Sopher reviewed some of the new rules about the change in tax benefits, and mentioned a concern that when an individual donates from a Trust she/he may not receive credit unless Cornell is contacted. (Trust may be in a separate name). Jamil pointed out that a gift directly from an IRA may improve tax benefit. He will provide further information to the alumni magazine.

8. At 16:24, there being no additional business, Liz Gordon made motion to adjourn, this was seconded by George Arangio, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vanneman Jr

Secretary, Class of 1965