

MINUTES
Cornell Class of 1965 Officers' Meeting
Washington, D.C. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Saturday, January 28, 2012

Members Present: George Arangio, Barry Cutler, Myron Jacobson, Duke Grkovic, Frank McCreary, Grace Morgenstein and Jamil Sopher.

Members Participating by Telephone: Becky Baskett, Beth Fowler, Joan Johnson, Bob Kessler, Arnie Rabinor, Joe Ryan, Barbara Press Turner, Jim Venetos and Sharon Hegarty Williams.

Members Not Participating: Bill Allaway, Glenn Billington, Liz Gordon, Margaret Haine, Ron Harris, Penny Haitkin, Nicholas Kass, Judith Rushmore, and Roberta Tarbell.

Also Present: Rich Glick (University Alumni Fund representative for Class of '65), and participating by telephone, Steve Appell (Class Historian) and Lou Ferraro (Class Events Advisor).

The meeting of the Class Council was called to order by President George Arangio at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the prior year's meeting on January 29, 2011 were approved by email vote, having been distributed and read online. They are posted on the class website.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Beth Fowler and discussed. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the class had net income of \$925.97 and an ending fund balance of \$65,417.86. After discussion, upon motion made and seconded, the Report was approved. The Treasurer's Report is posted on the class website.

George advised the Council that he and Beth had made projections of income and expenses for the class for the next several years and that the existing class dues will not cover projected expenses. After discussion, upon a motion made and seconded, the Council approved increasing the class dues to \$65.00 per year.

A suggestion was made to offer a lifetime dues alternative to class members, but action on this idea was postponed until more information can be gathered.

Class Project

Rich Glick presented several ideas for class gifts in connection with the 50th Reunion, including a contribution to the class of '65 Scholarship or commemorative benches in various locations such as the Malott Sculpture Garden, the Johnson Art Museum, or the Plantations' Mundy Wildflower Garden. There was little or no support for the idea of a bench for the class gift, but several council members continued to express an interest in a tangible project for the class. Becky Baskett suggested commissioning a sculpture by a student and Grace Morgenstein

suggested donating an ornamental door for a new building. The Council will continue to consider ideas during the next year.

Major Gifts

Arnie Rabinor discussed the major gifts committee for the 50th Reunion. He said that the committee is in process of being formed, with active fund raising to begin in 2014 and continue through the reunion.

Reunion Report

Myron Jacobson reported that he and Grace are working on setting up the reunion committees.

Class Communications

Joe Ryan reported on communications efforts and reminded all that his Facebook page is available for class communications.

George and Joe discussed the Ezra Plan, a Cornell initiative to increase the number of alumni paying class dues, and recommended the Plan to the Council. The recommendation was approved. Joe suggested that we continue our own email efforts in addition to the Ezra Plan mailings. A copy of the Ezra Plan information form for the class is attached to these minutes.

Joan Johnson discussed the missing classmates initiative and reported that 15 missing classmates have been found.

Class Website

Barry Cutler discussed the class website. He said that after considering the problems with adapting our existing information to the Cornell format, it is his recommendation that we continue to maintain our own website. After discussion, upon a motion made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

George presented a report from Liz Gordon on changing the Up Close and Personal section of the class website. The proposal includes changing the name to Catch Up with Classmates and revising the form used to collect information. The proposal was accepted by the Council. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Class Events

Lou Ferraro discussed class events and advised that an event is being planned in connection with the Cornell-Princeton game on October 27, 2012.

Class History

Steve Appell discussed the proposed class history and said that he is soliciting input from classmates and collecting photographs and printed materials.

Bylaws

Barry Cutler agreed to review the class bylaws and report on any needed amendments.

Vanneman Award

Barry also reported that the class submitted three nominations for the Vanneman Award. Those nominated were George Arangio, Penny Haitkin and Judith Rushmore.

Vanneman Scholarship

George discussed the CACO Vanneman Scholarship and reported that a \$2,000 contribution had been made to the scholarship from class funds after an extensive email discussion among class council members.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank McCreary
Class Secretary