

2018 Cornell Class of 1965 Meeting
February 14, 2018

On Feb 14, 2018, at 5:21 PM, William Vanneman <williamvanneman@yahoo.com> wrote:

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Past President George Arangio as part of the 2018 CACO meeting in Philadelphia Pa.

Present at the meeting were Patricia Williams, Grace Morgenstein, Jamil Sopher, Roberta Tarbell, Barry Cutler, and William Vanneman, Secretary

Participating by phone were Frank McCreary, President, Lou Ferraro, Myron Jacobson, Sharon Williams, Steve Appell, Becky Baskett and Barbara Press Turner

1) New Class Council Member Patricia Williams was welcomed. She is retired Judge from New York City, and she has updated her bio for the Alumni magazine which has been sent off to Steve Appel as introduction to other class members .

2) Secretary minutes from 2017 meeting previously approved online, March 2017

3) The Treasurer's report by Sharon Williams was reviewed and will be attached to the minutes. As this is a non-reunion year, there were no major expenses, and the account is \$10,000 positive for the year. Jamil Sopher moved to accept the report; Roberta Tarbell seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

4) President's Report:

a) Class statistics are posted on class website. Overall there has been reduction in dues payers (450-398-334) over last three years, not surprising after a 50th year reunion. Class dues were discussed with reference to the positive balance in the class account, and the Alumni Magazine, with the concern about declining numbers classmates paying class dues. The reduced number of dues payers is typical for 3rd year of the 5 year cycle. After discussion, none felt that reduction of dues would attract new members and the decision was made to keep the dues the same. Dues are due June 30. Present dues are \$65 for an individual plus subscription to the print Alumni Magazine (CAM), and \$95/couple plus one subscription to CAM. Without the print CAM, dues are \$30 individual and \$60/couple. Jamil Sopher moved that dues remain the same, and Bill Vanneman seconded.

b) Class Officers Council will participate in Class Officer Leadership Training Webinars

c) President's message to be posted on website

5) Class Correspondents: Joan Johnson and Steve Appell.

a) The Alumni Magazine needs input from our '65 Classmates. Each Class Council member is encouraged to send brief updates to Joan Hens Johnson by Feb 15, and is encouraged to contact

5-6 friends for contribution, and to search for missing classmates. All are encouraged to look on websites, including Switchboard.com, LinkedIn.com, Yahoo.com, etc.

b) Deceased Classmates - Steve Hand reported 33 classmates have passed away in 2017, a total of 286 are now recorded in Alumni records

6) Website: Steve Hand, webmaster report attached

a) Social Media: Group Facebook link with privacy and security settings, Cornell to be resource

b) 1965 Events link mini-reunions, with event coordinator, Lou Ferraro

c) 1965 Annual Fund link encourages classmates to support Cornell with gift through class website

7) The Class Project was discussed, these funds are stable and being distributed appropriately. Class of '65 Library Resource Endowment 2016-17, July 3, 2017, book value on April 30, 2017 = \$38,887, market value = \$52,880

8) Myron Jacobson reviewed preliminary ideas for the 2020 Class Reunion. Several ideas were discussed; one a possible event at the Botanical Garden. There will be a need for a new Registration chair. Housing for the 55th Class has been in the West Dormitories. Reports from the prior 55th Class had been that transportation up the Hill had been excellent. Special mailings will focus on 25th and 50th reunion attendees.

9) Upcoming events include 15 March Class of '65 lunch in Naples, Florida, organized by Judy Rushmore, and the 60-69 homecoming football (Harvard) game organized by Dave Mellon, '65

10) The Ezra Plan was reviewed; mailings are to be sent out. While the membership numbers have trailed 450 to 398 to 334 over the past three years, there is an upward "bump" expected nearer to reunion. Kate Fryer remains the Class of '65 contact at Cornell.

11) There remain a substantial number of 50th Yearbooks available at Bob Kessler's House. Ad hoc committee: Bob Kessler, Liz Gordon, Steve Appell, and Sharon Williams to review options including selling at 55th Reunion.

There being no additional business, quorum assured, Jamil Sopher moved for adjournment at 4:23PM; this was seconded by Frank McCreary, and the meeting adjourned.

W. Vanneman Jr.

Class of 1965 Secretary