

CLASS OF 1976 - OFFICERS' MEETING
May 17, 2018

Meeting conducted by teleconference.

Attending: Linda Ury Greenberg, Fayre Crossley, Ellen Boates Clark, Louise Dunbar

Absent: Helen Clement

Helen sent in a report via email due to her absence. She reported that the financial assets total in all accounts of the class are \$45,535 and that the total raised for new lifetime memberships was \$1,260. Linda noted that the College would like the class to have \$50,000 available for the 50th reunion to subsidize costs and allow for a special commemorative gift for attendees.

Fayre reported that 20 people (including guests) have expressed interest in the September 2018 class trip to the Grand Canyon area being arranged by Denise Chezek. Denise has put together an itinerary that will allow people to have flexible arrival and departure dates. The Flagstaff Marriott Courtyard has been chosen as the gathering point and the location of the Friday night class dinner. Louise Dunbar is planning to attend. We will offer one more chance to opt in before final reservations are due. It was noted that a trip to Toronto is planned for 2019 and a river cruise for 2020.

Linda again addressed the need to encourage classmates to report mini-reunions (gatherings of three or more). Ellen will get info on which members of the class were present at the Chicago Club annual meeting in May.

The class will send out an all class email blast early in June to communicate the many bits of news (class trip, year-end giving, Class Notes solicitation) that need to go out. Officers should get text to Linda by May 30. We will discuss a possible new survey in the fall.

Ellen was able to fill her latest Class Notes column thanks especially to two big news items. In the meantime, she has been posting some new pictures and information on the web page. Especially exciting was the announcement that Camara Jones has been selected as one of the 2018 recipients of the Alumnae Achievement Award. A special letter to the Class from Camara on her journey since graduation has been posted in full on the web page. Linda noted that we need to encourage people to nominate other worthy classmates for this award.

Louise reported that the fund-raising is in its final push. She still wants to get our annual participation rate to 50%. So far we are at 39.8% which means we need another 45 donors. Margaret McMahon and Margaret Rose are assisting in the fundraising effort; Julia Cutler Johns is also willing to help. Any officers willing to help should let Louise know. We had several classmates respond to the special Marathon Monday fundraiser and she will write thank-yous to those people. Finally, in an earlier email, Louise followed up on the question of receipts for small donations reporting that the College does not send out paper receipts for amounts under the IRS mandated limit of \$250.