

CLASS OF 1976 - OFFICERS' MEETING
September 25, 2017

Meeting conducted by teleconference.

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

Linda and Fayre reported that the mini-reunion held in Iowa in August was a great success. Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski and her family were excellent hosts. Ten alumnae attended, as well as a few family members. Pictures have been posted to the class website and a group picture has been submitted to the College for use in the Wellesley Magazine.

Denise Chezek will be organizing the next class trip/mini-reunion. She is looking at going to the Grand Canyon in September 2018. Louise and other volunteers will work with Fayre and Denise to get this organized.

Other possible gatherings were discussed and all were encouraged to remember to report (or encourage others to report) any gathering of three or more to Fayre and Ellen (if there is a picture to post).

Linda talked about her plans to send out another all-class letter in November. It was agreed that an annual letter is useful to keep people in the loop. The merits of paper vs. electronic versions were discussed. The class has the funds to support a paper mailing.

Ellen reported on her various activities. She completed five class notes columns for the Magazine; her next deadline is December 1. Because of the lag time between submission and print, she will be reporting on the mini-reunion in the issue that will be published in February. She has not been getting many submissions for the notes beyond the information obtained in the survey conducted last year. It was decided to do a general request for news this year rather than a survey.

Ellen has also assumed the responsibility for updating the class web page. She has posted several pictures and links to copies of the notes for the officers' meetings.

Helen Clement stated that the class finances are in good order. She then discussed ways to increase the number of people who are Class Lifetime

Members. The advantage to the class of these memberships is that all the funds are invested by the College and the proceeds used to help defray future reunion costs. The advantage to the alumna is she is not asked to pay annual dues. All agreed to try a short term reduction in the current \$125 fee to \$76. Helen will work with the College to generate a list of those who are not Lifetime Members to send out a mailing.

Louise reported on the fiscal year end fundraising results for the College: we contributed over \$162,000 to the College, with 25 Durant level donors. Our participation rate was 46% and we hope to surpass 50% next year. Louise will continue to reach out to others to assist in the efforts to reach more classmates - the push we did in June yielded good results.