

Wellesley College Class of 1976
Minutes of Class Meeting held on
June 4, 2016
Prepared by Mary Young, class secretary

The meeting of the Class of 1976 convened at 9 am on Saturday, June 4, 2016, in the Shafer living room with approximately 50 classmates in attendance. Mary Konsoulis, class president, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last class meeting in 2011 were unanimously approved by voice vote. Mary thanked Ellen Myer Draper and Evan Hoffman Schouten for an incredible job as 40th reunion co-chairs and Maureen (Mo) Kelly McGowan and Nancy (Nan) Richard Murphy for an incredible job on the Record Book. Mary announced that Suzy Feldman Rosenthal has started a 40th Reunion Facebook page, and also recommended viewing the class website.

Valerie (Val) Hall Connolly, class treasurer, reported that the class is in "good financial shape," and ended the last fiscal year (June 30, 2015) with total assets of \$36,933, not including Lifetime Dues, which are invested with the college endowment funds. The class has received investment income on the lifetime dues invested with the college endowment funds amounting to approximately \$2,200 per year over the last five years. These funds have accumulated and can be used as needed to send class officers, reunion co-chairs and/or record book co-chairs to Alumnae Leadership Council, cover miscellaneous expenses, support mini-reunions, and subsidize reunion costs. Her report was unanimously accepted by voice vote.

Class Representative Louise Dunbar presented the Annual Giving report, with class participation currently at 38.5% versus a college-wide goal of 54%. She said that any additional gifts received today would be added to that total. Her report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Julia Cutler Cunningham, vice president, reported on class mini-reunions including Charleston, South Carolina and the Danube Cruise (#1 in the class survey) for which she thanked Barbara Cray for her assistance. Suggestions for future mini-reunions included National Parks (Denise Chezek), Texas Hill Country (Shelley Palmer Hayes), Iowa (Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski), Orlando (Denise Chezek) and Vietnam/Laos/Cambodia which was #2 in the class survey. Her report was unanimously accepted by voice vote.

It was noted that three classmates had died since our last reunion and a discussion took place about how to memorialize them. Val Connolly then made a motion to donate \$100 in memory of each to the Wellesley Students Aid Society, which was approved by a show of hands. Val made another motion to donate \$100 in memory of each to the college for unrestricted use, which was also approved by a show of hands.

Mary Young, class secretary, reported that over 150 classmates were included in Class Notes over the past five years.

Evan Schouten thanked the reunion committee members and noted that the Record Book contained a record number of 141 submissions. She invited classmates to a panel called "Hold onto Your Hats, Disruptive Changes Ahead" by Nan Richard Murphy, Cece Conrad and Laura Murphy. Suzy Rosenthal's Facebook page already has 80 members. Evan said that the red sequined hat and blinking ball insignia by Ginger Horne Kent and Katharine Vige Hicks for \$10 were "worth every penny". Two classes, 1996 and 2001, have asked to join our dance party. Suzanne Davis is providing music for the social hour and Rheba Rutkowski supplied a play list for the dance party. Ginny Holmes Nightingale ran a raffle with over 50 items to benefit the Spirit Fund. [Final tally was over \$1,100 raised.] Evan thanked our three student workers and dorm assistant. Evan also recognized Peggy Plympton who ran cheers for step singing [and the parade], and Susan Challenger for general assistance. Her report was unanimously accepted by voice vote.

Mo McGowan and Nancy Murphy reported that 50% of the Record Book submissions used Word and 50% Google, which led to double the number of previous years' submissions. Mary Young noted that the college archives would be interested in donations of any photos from our college years, as they do not have much in their collection currently for this period. Their report was unanimously accepted by voice vote.

Susan Challenger, Nominating Committee chair, thanked Avis Russell, Marcia Goldman Enns, Sandy Peddie and Margaret Rose for serving on the committee. Mary Konsoulis then presented the slate of officers for the next five years:

Linda Ury Greenberg, president
Zoe Bush, vice president
Ellen Boates Clark, secretary
Helen Clement, treasurer and
Louise Dunbar, Wellesley Fund representative

Upon motion made and seconded, the proposed slate was unanimously elected by voice vote.

The meeting then concluded at 10 am to allow the class to hear Rev. Margaret Rose's moving tribute to the three class members lost since our last reunion: Deborah Blackmore Abrams, Debbie Powell Boyd and Chinwe Dike.