

Minutes of the Class of 1971 class meeting on 5/20/2016 at Mead Hall (45th reunion)

Liz Berens, President, presiding. Other class officers present: Mary Corbitt Clark, Treas and Alice Capson, Scribe. Absent: Meg Gere Harris, VP
Minutes compiled by Alice Capson

Welcome and guest speakers

After a welcome by **Liz Berens**, the class got an Alumnae Update from **Danielle Germaine**, Chair of Class Reunions, talking about the Connections Class, encouraging mini-reunions, explaining domestic and international clubs, and touching on part of the new Strategic Plan. Key points: Alumnae Assoc.(AA) is trying to inform alumnae about what they do, finding ways to connect with all 37,000 of us. Most alumnae are on the East and West coasts but many others are “in the middle” and the rest of the world. The AA wants to connect alumnae who have similar interests (e.g. moms with kids) via Facebook and more. Athletics and others already have their own alumnae groups. Key question: How can AA partner better with the College and collaborate and use resources efficiently and effectively. The Commission is finishing up in June 2016 so go to www.mtholyoke.edu and get suggestions in ASAP.

Danielle Lund, Associate Director of Programs (employee of AA) talked about engagement with the seniors. This year we had 670 seniors. She works on connection class relationships. The 50th reunion class welcomes seniors and gives them their scarfs (a new MHC tradition.) The reunion class begins the relationship when the students enter as first years, and the classes can foster relationships. Recent classes (1966, 67, 68, 69) found this a rewarding experience. We (the 50th reuning class) can send a welcome email or letter to the 1st years and meet with the new class board. We figure out the best way of interacting. Past classes had teas on campus, “lessons in history” (what MHC was like when we were there), fudge tastings. The class of '67 put in a cameo appearance in Junior Show. Our class would decide what we want to do but we need strong liaisons.

Danielle Germaine then announced Association Loyalty awards from the Class of 1971. Loyalty means exceptional loyalty, active involvement over an extended period of time. Jane Pollard Mayo and Susan Laredo Thompson were absent but present awardees were Phoebe Zablow McBee (many roles including reunion co-chair, VP, acting president) and Carol Cramer Mills (Reunion chair for 15th and 45th reunions, plus VP, was a major force in keeping classmates informed, and more.) (Note: Danielle mistakenly gave credit to Carol for being reunion chair for the 40th, but that job was done by Phoebe Zablow McBee and Liz Berens.)

OLD BUSINESS

Liz Berens gave an oral version of the minutes from the 2011 meeting. Carol Cramer Mills made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Adrienne Neufeld Maykow, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report (Mary Corbitt Clark) was distributed (attached). Though we have a balance of \$19,088.84 we have not yet paid our reunion expenses. The \$5000 we invested in 2006 earned \$443 in interest the first five years but only \$50 the next five years, so we will have some extra money for the 50th class gift. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Adrienne Neufeld Maykow, seconded by Bethany Holley Craig, and the vote was unanimous to accept.

Head Class Agent Report: Marcy Wilkov Waterman was excited to report that, as of the start of the Parade, we had exceeded our Class Gift goals, having raised \$200,062 from 191 classmates constituting 56% of classmates eligible for solicitation. The College solicits gifts from 344 of our classmates which is the total number of living classmates less those who have asked not to be solicited, some of whom still choose to contribute to MHC. Our gift earned us a share of the Pegasus Award, given to the reunion class that raises the most total dollars for immediate use through the Mount Holyoke Fund during the reunion fiscal year. Our 5-Year Cumulative Total (all gifts to all funds) is now \$793,848 and 96 of our classmates are members of the Laurel Chain Society. The final amount of our 45th Reunion Class Gift will be tallied as of June 30, Then, as of July 1, we will begin the five year process of building our 50th Reunion Gift. Achieving our 45th Reunion class gift goals took enormous effort

from a dedicated team over many months. Marcy thanked the following Class Agents: Meg Gere Harris, Emily Young, Liz Berens, Andrea Lange, Anne Marsh Fields, Kathy Bendo, Judy Katzenelson Brownstein, Marilyn Budzanoski, Andi Mooney Sweeney, Linda Wong Chu, Anne Hayseed Ferrell, Linda Keown and Barb Kelly. She also expressed special appreciation to Barbara McClure Benedict, Sarah Jane Hughes, Diane Lubkeman, Ellen Oglesby O'Hara and Lorraine Garnett Ward.

Explanation and responses to the report: The Laurel Chain Society recognizes all alumnae who make a gift each year—in any amount to any fund. Our Mary Lyon Society chair, Emily Young added that you are a member of the Mary Lyon Society if you put MHC in your will or make MHC a beneficiary of your IRA (or similar), and it does not have to be a big estate.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the new slate of officers.

Nominating committee included Sarah Jane Hughes, Judy Katzenelson Brownstein, and Ann Hurd, and their presented slate was:

President: Liz Berens
VP: Meg Gere Harris
Treasurer: Ann Hurd
Scribe: Margie Johnson Ware
50th reunion chair: Carol Cramer Mills
Webmaster: Kathy Bendo
Historian: Beth Grosvenor Boland

New nominating committee: Judy Katzenelson Brownstein, chair, Bethany Holley Craig, Alice Capson

Comments: Scan and send any photos, etc. preferably by email to Beth who is more of an archivist than a historian. If you wish to serve as an officer for the next term, please let the nominating committee know. Liz and Beth talked about the closed group on Facebook for our class, **MHCClassof1971**. You must be members of Facebook to join, and those two are the ones who accept you into the group.

Motion to accept the slate was made by Carol Cramer Mills, seconded by Bethany Holley Craig. The slate passed unanimously.

Dues

Class dues remain at \$50 for five years. Please make checks to MHC Class of 1971 and mail to Mary Corbitt Clark until June 30th (end of fiscal year.) After that, send dues to Ann Hurd.

Deceased classmates

Liz Berens read the list from the reunion booklet of all members of our class who are deceased.

Scribe notes

An electronic copy of the scribe notes from the past five years is available to all interested; just email Alice Capson, capsonks@aol.com. A printed copy is on display in the reception area to view.

Connection Class Experience

Discussion off the 50th reunion class connection. Everyone wanted the class to participate in the program, so send ideas and volunteer to be a liaison to eberens9@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

Mini-reunions are encouraged. Let Liz know. Idea:-should we have a competition between frosh dorms for donations?

Gifts and thanks to retiring officers

Alice Capson (scribe) and Mary Corbitt Clark (treasurer) were given gifts for their service. Visors were given to those who helped with the reunion: Lisa Dake Oberreuter for Friday dinner, Ann Hurd for compiling the survey, Emily Young for the Friday evening panel discussion, Spicey Kerr for the Sat evening social hours.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Adrienne Neufeld Maykow and seconded by Bethany Holley Craig, with unanimous approval.

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE -- CLASS OF 1971 -- FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011-REUNION 2016

	2011	2016
Current Assets		
Certificate of Deposit	5443.82	5495.8
Checking Account	5789.25	13593.04 (Including fees received for 2016 reunion)
Total	\$11,233.07	\$19,088.84

INCOME 2011-2016

Reunion income received from college (2011)	\$4,763
Dues collected at 2011 reunion	1650
Cash paid for alumnae meals	160
Reunion income received from college (2016)	\$6,805.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,378

EXPENSES -- 2011 REUNION

Pre-reunion Mailings	505.19	
White Wrng	163.02	
White Wrng	67.17	
Snacks	107.86	
Mugs	59.08	
Coolers, Ice, Flowers, Spoons	42	
Class Booklet	1101.67	
Postage	32.55	
Costumes		
Umbrellas	506.25	
Tote Bags	278	
Total Reunion Expenses	\$2,862.79	
		Charges from college (taken from fees before check to class)
		Friday social hour
		Saturday social hour
		Saturday dinner
		Parade signs
		Total
		\$4,390.72

EXPENSES 2011-2016

Class letter, reunion mailings	411.42
Costume for 2016 (pashminas)	2300
Total	\$2,711.42
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,574.21