**Mt. Holyoke Class of 1975**

**Meeting**

**June 6, 2020**

Elaine Milnor, one of our Class Presidents, opened the meeting on Zoom at approximately 3:10 pm EST. During the course of the meeting as many as 43 classmates participated. Elaine acknowledged the importance of the “Black Lives Matter” movement and the pain suffered by persons of color. Thereafter, Joanne Brown held a brief memorial service to remember:

 **Susan K. Connelly Mary Hayden Withers**

**Andrea G. Snell Christine A. Lunardini**

**Mary Homeier Rawson Jennifer Harris Daniels**

**Mindy M. Lewis Holly J. Young**

**Diana S. Deane Karen Wessel Marcus**

These classmates died too soon; they are missed by family and friends.

Elaine also informed everyone that **Kim Hunter** won the Innovator Award, **Judy Karlen Stein** won the Loyalty Award, and **Susan Kare** (artist and graphic designer) and **Lydia Young** (physicist) received the Mt. Holyoke Alumnae Achievement Awards. Cheers followed!

Elaine reported that the revised and restated Bylaws were adopted, class dues of $50 for the next five years were established and the following slate of officers were elected:

Co-Presidents: **Elizabeth Stone and Sandra Carbonari Welsh**

Co-Vice-Presidents**: Linnea Grealish and Judith Stein**

Reunion Co-Chairs: **Judith Stein and Linnea Grealish**

Secretary: **Jane Crosby**

Scribe: **Eileen Epstein**
Co-Treasurers: **Donna Buendo, Coral Grout, and Alice Maroni**
Head Class Agents: **Sandra Fotiades and Ruth Dillingham**
Web Coordinator: **Rhonda Berney**
Nominating Committee: **Dale Bonner Murphy (Chair), Elaine Milnor, and Denise Terrazas**

As ballot collector, Elaine received 86 votes consisting of 56 paper ballots and 30 emailed ballots. All votes were in the affirmative except for one negative vote regarding class dues. Elaine acknowledged the huge project undertaken (and successfully completed) by Rhonda Berney, our other Class President, in “getting out the vote” and then read the Class History.

Eileen Epstein gave the Treasurer’s Report; Alice Maroni and Eileen were appointed Co-Treasurers to finish the 2015-2020 term of Diana Deane, who passed away in April of this year after many years of dedication to our Class and Mt. Holyoke. The Class funds have been at PNC Bank. Eileen had a May 15, 2019 statement showing a balance of $17,293.84. Monthly charges of $2 as well as fees owed to the Alumnae Association, $625.18 advanced by Rhonda for the mailing of the ballots (thank you, Rhonda) and repayments to Coral Grout for Zoom expenses will reduce this amount. [Eileen received a check for $17,315.84 from PNC Bank on June 26, 2020 and forwarded that check to Coral Grout who is working with her Co-Treasurers to open a new bank account with these funds.] The Patriot Act presents some hurdles, but MHCers can scale them!]. Class dues ($50) for the 2020-2025 term should be sent to Coral Grout at: 464 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475-1207 or to Alice Maroni at: 15 Franklin Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The payee for dues is “MHC Class of 1975.”

Sandy Fotiades presented the Head Class Agent’s report. As of June 5, 2020, $165,513 was raised by our Class. The participation was 35.5% with a goal of 40%. Sandy was hopeful that the participation goal could be met by June 30, 2020, the fiscal year end. Our Class is in the top 1/3 of all classes celebrating Reunions. Sandy thanked the Class Agents who have worked diligently to raise funds to support the Alumnae Association and the College.

Elaine thanked Denise Terrazas for her tireless work in organizing our 45th Reunion and then retooling plans to respond to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Judy Stein and Linnea Grealish will lead the charge for the 50th Reunion. Judy explained that our Class has the Class of 2025 as our “granddaughters” [Who feels old?] and is responsible for organizing events involving them. Judy and Linnea plan to encourage mini Reunions over the next 5 years. Elizabeth (“Pebby” to us) Stone and Sandi Welsh hope to have Zoom gatherings for our Class as well. Judy stated that much of the money in our Class bank account as of 2025 will be used to underwrite many 50th Reunion expenses (so pay your dues now). Finally, Linnea gave a plug for submissions to Judy for the 45th Reunion Yearbook.

Our Class meeting ended by 4:30pm EST.

 Respectfully submitted by

 Eileen Leahy Epstein

 Class Secretary