

Class of 1965
Minutes
October 8, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM at Pierce's Inn by President Pro Tem Gonnerman. Also present were Atkinson, Beattie, Bucher, Fowler, Frederick, Griffiths, Karlen, McGruther, Murphy, Russell, Wittreich, and Zern.
2. Mike Gonnerman thanked those responsible for a highly successful mini reunion over the weekend just concluded. In particular, kudos to Jim and Debbie Griffiths and Linda Fowler for organizing and running special events, Linda Waterhouse for donating her home when the tailgate tent was stolen(!), and Betsy Gonnerman and George Wittreich for oversight of the whole process.
3. Treasurer George Wittreich reported that we have \$118,900 in cash before this weekend's expenses of some \$4-5,000. Of this, \$20,000 is designated as "seed money" for our upcoming 60th reunion, and \$12,000 for Special Projects yet to be determined. George received permission to invest some of this cash in CDs in order to take advantage of current high interest rates.
4. Mike Gonnerman reported that we had 34% participation in the past year's Alumni Fund, raising a total of \$514,000 from our alumni base of 542. Next year's goals are 35% and \$550,000 respectively.
5. Stu Keiller reported remotely that there is no class project organized as yet for our 60th reunion. One leading candidate that has emerged is some sort of shelter for the summit of Mt Moosilauke. There were mixed reactions to this, centering on the difficulties and expense of construction as well as the limited use the structure might receive. Discussion centered on a package of improvements centered on the Class of 1965 Bunkhouse, including staff quarters, ceiling fans, and moving the overhead utility lines underground. (See below for more on 60th.)
6. Bob Murphy reported that he continues to organize monthly breakfast meetings in Hanover for Upper Valley classmates. He does the same during the winter in SW Florida, and during the summer in the Adirondacks.
7. It was decided that the class will continue to pay for scheduled meals and events, to encourage participation in minis leading up to our 60th Reunion. We will also provide a bus service for the Moosilauke event, to eliminate the dangerous drive from the mountain back to Hanover. We initially decided on October 5, 2024 for next year's fall mini. However, after the meeting was adjourned, Mike Gonnerman and several classmates discussed the dates with Bruce Lingelbach (proprietor of Pierce's Inn) who informed the group that the Inn was not available

on that weekend. After discussion, it was decided to schedule our mini-reunion for the weekend of September 19 to 22. The weekend includes the season-opening football game at home against Fordham and is six weeks before the College's official Homecoming weekend in November.

8. Discussion ensued on the subject of class contributions, weighing the value of these to the College as well as the perceived value to the class. The chart below details the conclusions.

Subject	FY 2023	FY 2024
Winter trips from 1965 cabin	2,500	2,500
Athletic sponsors	1,200	3,000
First year trips	1,000	1,000
Library	500	1,000
Native American program	500	0
Pine Park Association	2,500	2,500
	Yr. 1 of 3	Yr. 2 of 3
Total	8,200	10,000

9. The dates established by the College for our 60th Reunion are June 16-18, 2025. This is a Monday-Wednesday time frame immediately following graduation Sunday. The group decided against trying to extend to a four-day reunion due to logistical and expense considerations. Roger Hansen is chairing the reunion, and Mike Gonnerman, Jim Griffiths, and Stu Russell agreed to work with Roger on the reunion.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Murphy

Class of 1965 Secretary