**Smith College Class of 1971**

**Minutes of 45thReunion Class Meeting held on May 21, 2016**

**Call to Order**: The meeting of the Smith College Class of 1971 was called to order by Class President Holly Falik. The minutes of the 40th Reunion class meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Sarah Peskin explained that the college is willing to have classes’ finances under its auspices, which simplifies the tax situation for us. She reported the following, noting that balances will be adjusted after all reunion charges and revenues are reported by the college:

On hand as of July 1, 2015:

In checking account at Santander Bank: $7776.02

In class account held by Smith College: 5677.80

Total $13,453.82

On hand as of May 15, 2016:

In checking account at Santander Bank: $3919.04

In class account held by Smith College: 5782.97

Total $9,702.01

**Class Fund Chair’s Report**: Angelica Light said that $636,564 had been donated so far, with a 49% participation rate.

**Class Website**: Sarah Peskin noted that our Alumnae Association class website is somewhat difficult to use; she and Connie Weiss are looking at ways to make it less so.

**Election of Officers**: Pinki Fontein, Nominating Committee Chair, asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the following officers were elected:

* Pinki Fontein and Cheryl Winter Lewy – Co-Presidents;
* Sarah Peskin – Vice President and Reunion Chair;
* Karen Osar and Jan Golann– Co-Secretaries;
* Betsy Gardner Johnson – Treasurer;
* Donna Smerlas and Ann Crampton – House Reps Co-Chairs;
* Connie Weiss – Web Chair;
* Angelica Light and Suzy Ross McDowell – Class Fund Co-Chairs.
* 50th Reunion: Lamont House affirmed its offer to be “in charge” of our 50th—to participate actively on the reunion team.

**Ideas for our 50th Reunion**: The following ideas were suggested:

* Funding a scholarship: Anne Thistle suggested we endow a 4-year scholarship for a single student; if we could raise the money in time, we might “adopt” a student who would graduate in 2021. Sarah Peskin added that a named scholarship fund could be initiated with a minimum investment of $250,000.
* Funding to provide a home for Kiki Smith’s Historic Clothing Collection
* Yearbook
* Reunion name badges printed in a larger font
* An exhibit of artwork/photography by members of the class
* Slide show: Sarah Koffman Mantica offered to curate this
* All-class photo
* Panels/round tables
* A reunion book with information about classmates

**Adjournment**: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Stall

Class Co-Secretary (outgoing)

May 30, 2016