

Class of 1983

40th Reunion Class Minutes

May 20, 2023

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The meeting was called to order at 4:57 p.m. by Vice President Kathy Hughes in Creighton Hall.

1. Welcome – Kathy Hughes (VP standing in for Jerri Barrett president) welcomed everyone to the reunion and our class meeting.
2. Memorial Service - A memorial service was presided over by Charlotte Lehmann. We are aware of 12 classmates that have died. We have one classmate, Ann Chisolm who has died since our last reunion. Ann passed away at the end of 2021. A list of our classmates who have passed can be found on our website by using this link. [In Memoriam - Mount Holyoke College Class of 1983 \(mhc1983.com\)](https://mhc1983.com) Charlotte also asked that we pray for Cathy Frazier who is currently battling cancer. Her address is available to anyone who would like to write to Cathy – our support of our classmate would be much appreciated.
3. Class Agent Report - Maureen Tracy reported that so far, we have raised between 121,000 and 122,000 toward our reunion gift goal of \$150,000. Reminder: Gifts for this year can be given through 6/30/23. Good news – we achieved our participation goal with 35% percent of our class participating in this year’s campaign. It’s time to start thinking about our 50th reunion!! Only 10 years away. Start planning now and talking to your financial planners regarding charitable giving when most of us will be in retirement and @72 years old!!
4. Alumna Recognition – Three members of our class have been recognized by the Alumnae Association. Congratulations to Rochelle Calhoun who is president elect of the Alumni Association and will begin her term in 2024. Lan Cao was honored at commencement with an honorary degree and Peri Caylor received a loyalty award. Peri was unable to attend the reunion and Jeri Barrett was presenting this honor to her in California.
5. Reunion Information - Pam Smith (co-reunion chair) addressed the class with some important information.
 - a. Pam made a plea to all to consider being reunion chair for our 45th reunion. She and Lisa Fagan Walts are retiring after 2 consecutive reunions.
 - b. To add reunion pictures, go to our mhc1983reunion@gmail.com Google Photos 40th reunion album.
 - c. Alecia Oberg was thanked for her wonderful work on the reunion booklet. You can download the booklet PDF or access from our class website.
 - d. Pam reminded everyone to pay class dues. Instructions on how to pay and/or an address where you can mail a check are available via our class website by using this link <https://mhc1983.com> Reminder: Reunion costs DO NOT include dues and are dues are for the next 5 years.
 - e. Reminder to all in attendance – please sign our reunion booklet, it will be included in our class archives.
 - f. Class Archives - If you have anything you’d like to contribute to our class archive – contact the college. We only have 1 copy of our Senior Yearbook and as such it is not available to be loaned out. Thank you to those that brought their yearbook to share.

Please consider donating your copy to the college – or any other MHC memorabilia -- for inclusion in our class archive.

6. Additional Reunion Information - Lisa Fagan Walts (co-reunion chair)
 - a. Lisa made another plea to consider being reunion chair for our 45th reunion.
 - b. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. tonight in the Community Center
 - c. The book club will meet at 8 p.m. in room 227 at Blanchard. This year's book is *The Overstory*, by Richard Powers.
 - d. DJ Amy West returns to bring music to our dance party at 8 p.m. in Creighton Hall.
 - e. Tomorrow morning there will be a nature walk. Meet in the dorm lobby at 8am
 - f. Check out is no later than noon tomorrow – please return your lanyard and keys to Mary Woolley Hall.
7. Final Reunion Update - Pam Smith gave additional comments.
 - a. The umbrellas that were purchased for our class costume came in below budget. In keeping with the sentiment of the class in the reunion questionnaire, the excess budget was used as a donation to the Care Center of Holyoke; The \$1000 class donation was matched by an anonymous classmate for a total donation of \$2000 from our class. Beth Spong rose to share that she had worked for this group, and describes the work they did to keep high-school student-mothers in school and supper attaining college education, including several students who have gone on to Mount Holyoke and Smith.
 - b. As a result, we saved \$1000 to donate. Matched by an anonymous classmate, we have made a \$2000.00 donation to the Care Center in Holyoke. By coincidence, Beth Spong used to work for them, and told us about all the good work they do.
 - c. Pam gave an acknowledgement of COVID-19 and how it's impacted each of us. We're grateful that we were allowed to have a reunion on campus!
8. THANK YOUs – Lisa and Pam acknowledged the following and thanked them for their contributions to reunion.
 - a. Alecia Oberg McClure – Our class booklet
 - b. Mindy Setzler Kolodziej– Beverage Chair and class booklet
 - c. Nancy Barlow – Costumes and Friday dinner
 - d. Lisa Hawley Hiley – Nature Walk
 - e. Catherine Sullivan – Cookies!
 - f. Lynn McCune – Friday night entertainment – singing.
 - g. Virginia Lincoln Smith – Class Archives
 - h. Kathy Hughes – Friday afternoon soundtrack
 - i. Julie Brown Thompson – Book Club
 - j. Pamela Dear – Parade Signs
 - k. Sarah Landise – tech support
 - l. Rochelle Calhoun - Sat. Appetizers for class meeting
 - m. Charlotte Lehmann – memorial service
 - n. Beth Spong – Friday M&Cs
 - o. Pam Riley Miklavcic and Sue Montgomery – Welcome Desk
9. Class Officer Thank you - Kathy Hughes acknowledged and thanked our current and retiring class officers.
 - a. Jerri Barrett – stepping down as President.

- b. Maureen Tracy, Marianne McDermott, and Lisa Oca – retiring as Head Class Agents
 - c. Lisa Fagan Walts and Pamela Smith – retiring Co-Reunion Chairs
 - d. Charlotte Lehmann – scribe
 - e. Mindy Setzler Kolodziej – Secretary
 - f. Kathryn Hughes – retiring Vice President
 - g. Irene Gimán – treasurer
10. Nominations and Elections— Kathy Hughes presided over the class election; nominations were accepted from the floor, and the slate was presented to the class for unanimous election by affirmation. Our new class officers are:
- a. President – Kathryn Hughes
 - b. Vice President – Lisa Fagan Walts
 - c. Secretary – Mindy Setzler Kolodziej
 - d. Treasurer – Irene Gimán
 - e. Head Class Agents – Maureen Tracy, Mindy Setzler Kolodziej, Beth Spong, and Rochelle Calhoun.
 - f. Reunion chairs – no nominations from the floor, will be determined later and the class updated
 - g. Reunion Chairs Emerita – Pamela Smith and Lisa Fagan Walts
 - h. Co-scribes – Charlotte Lehman and Lisa Hawley Hiley
 - i. Webmaster – Lisa Fagan Walts
11. Treasurer Report (given by Kathy Hughes for Irene Gimán)
- a. Acknowledgement and thank you to those who donated more during reunion registration - We had many reunion participants donate additional money during reunion registration so that we were able to support 4 individuals to come to the 40th reunion!
 - b. Our bank account balance is approximately \$16,000.00. A motion was made to make a \$10,000.00 gift to the college (if after reunion expenses we still had \$15,000 in the bank), and we would receive a plaque at a to be determined place on campus. The motion was defeated upon voting.
 - c. A motion was made to continue to add to our bank surplus and use at least \$10,000.00 toward covering reunion costs so that as many classmates as possible will be able to come to our 50th reunion. The motion was passed.
12. A request was made for a local classmate to check on Cheryl Baulding as no one had heard from her in quite some time. Beth Spong volunteered to reach out.
13. Closing - The class voted to sing the irreverent version of our Alma Mater – all sang along, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05.