

Minutes

Class of 1951 Executive Committee Meeting

August 8, 2018

The Executive Committee met at The Woodlands in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Members present: Howard Allen, Alan Brout, Jack Giegerich, Carl Glassberg, Barbara Hall, Pete Henderson, Bill Leffler, Dorothy Mori, Henry Nachman, Charlie Russell, Buck Scott and Jack Weingarten.

President Jack Giegerich welcomed all those on hand. He thanked the committee for its support during his recent illness, citing that support as an example of the best of our '51 Cares program.

Minutes of the September 23, 2017 Executive Committee were approved.

Secretary Pete Henderson reported that obituaries have been written for 24 classmates since our last meeting. Recently-deceased '51s include:

Joe Caldwell	Ralph King	Ev Odell
Aram Chorebanian	Joe Lindner	Dave O'Neill
Wilson Cross	Erwin Lonschein	Franz Pick
Brooks Dodge	Joe Lux	Paul Staley
John Greenwood	Bill MacFadden	Jerry Staton
Ted Hazen	Bob Meyer	Dave Stillman
John Hoskins	Bill Michener	Tom Tenney
Russ Keep	Bill Mulligan	Roger Thomas

The class census now stands at 213 living classmates (31.5% of 675 matriculants in 1947) and 110 living widows.

Reporting for Baker Tower Society Chair, Herb Knight, and Head Agent, Peirce McKee, Jack Giegerich announced that our class contributed \$143,395 to the 2017-18 Dartmouth College Fund and had a participation rate of 47.9%. Both of these achievements exceeded our goals. No class older than ours had a larger giving amount or participation percentage. Peirce attributed these positive results to a larger-than-usual group (15) of volunteer callers.

Our class ranks 11th among all classes from 1930 to the present in Realized Bequests (30 bequests totaling \$6,876,788). We have 79 Baker Tower Society members, 33 of them still living, putting us first among the five classes nearest us in age. Class members have established 36 Life Income Plans with a total booked value of \$3,669,426.

Webmaster Al Brout updates his very comprehensive class website monthly, providing classmates access to class newsletters, class officer contacts, and obituaries, as well as information about upcoming and past class-related events. An extensive photo gallery is included.

Charlie Russell produces 3 newsletters per year. He raised the question of whether *Fables* might include complete versions of recent obituaries. This information is currently available only on class and College websites which, it is feared, many of our classmates are not skilled

in accessing. Others feel strongly that devoting extensive space to obituaries would negatively change the character of *Fables*. After extended discussion it was concluded that current obituaries should be included in full in the next 2-3 issues of *Fables* on a trial basis and that comment from readers should be solicited. Contact information for a surviving family member will be provided for those who wish to send condolence letters.

Treasurer Carl Glassberg reported a surplus of \$831 for the past year despite declining dues revenue. He proposed a balanced long-term financial plan which keeps dues at \$60 and focuses expenditures on newsletters, our memorial book commitment to the Library, and, to the extent funds are available, our memorial scholarship fund. The financial report, proposed dues level, and on-going financial plan were unanimously approved.

Mini-reunion Chair Henry Nachman proposed that the 2019 mini-reunion in Hanover be scheduled on a September or October weekend to be determined. This recommendation was approved. The Nachmans were commended for their long-time leadership of this annual event.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Henderson,
Secretary