

## MINUTES

### Class of '51 Executive Committee Meeting

October 1, 2016

The Class of '51 Executive Committee met at the Hanover Inn while assembled for their 65th reunion. Members present: Howard Allen, Al Brout, Joe Caldwell, Jim Cavanagh, Jack Giegerich, Carl Glassberg, Barbara Hall, Pete Henderson, Bob Hopkins, Herb Knight, Bill Leffler, Pete Martin, Peirce McKee, Loye Miller, Tyke Miller, Dotty Mori, Henry Nachman, Peggy Read, Charlie Russell, Dave Saxton, Jack Weingarten, Joe Welch and Art Worden.

President Giegerich welcomed the new committee, commenting particularly on its larger size and the presence of 4 widow in its membership. In outlining plans for the future he highlighted a new program, 51 Cares, in which we will reach out to classmates experiencing illness, loss or isolation. Al Brout and Bob Hopkins will lead this initiative. Also announced was a Pen Pal program, connecting interested members of our class with members of the class of 1986.

Minutes of the September 25, 2015 Executive Committee meeting were approved.

Pete Henderson's Secretary's report highlighted the mention of 97 different classmates in 6 *Alumni Magazine* columns since our last meeting. Efforts continue to connect with 42 members of the class who have not appeared in the column for at least 15 years. Thirty-two obituaries have been posted to the class website in the past year, 109 in the past 5 years. Living classmates total 264 (not counting 28 who are "not interested").

Head Agent Howie Allen reported that 132 classmates (51.2% of class population) contributed \$174,362 to the Dartmouth College Fund during the 2016 fiscal year. Both numbers are slightly below established goals.

Webmaster Al Brout described expanded and updated information of use to classmates on the class of '51 website. Al has prepared a 428-slide presentation of historic photo's of class members and activities for the enjoyment of reunion attendees.

*51 Fables* editor, Charlie Russell was enthusiastically applauded for stepping up to fill this key position and for the quality of the issues he has produced to date. His goal is to produce 3 issues per year.

Bequest Chairman Herb Knight reported continuing success in generating deferred gifts benefitting the College. The class has 77 Bartlett Tower Society members, more than any of the 4 classes nearest us in age. We have realized 26 bequests totaling \$6,596,328 which ranks us 11th among classes since 1926. Herb encouraged all Executive Committee members to consider remembering Dartmouth in this important way.

Henry Nachman reported that the class of '51 is helping to support 3 current Dartmouth undergraduates through our scholarship program.

Responsibility for financial management of our class assets is now shared with College administrators, as is typical after the 65th reunion. An extended discussion was held on how to maintain a positive balance in the class treasury as declining class membership

(due to deaths) causes reduced dues income. It was agreed that annual dues should be increased from \$50 to \$60 and that every expense should be carefully evaluated. Executive Committee consensus was that priority in expenditures should be given to publishing the class newsletter and supporting the scholarship program.

The date of our next mini-reunion in Hanover was set for September 23, 2017.

The Executive Committee unanimously expressed its gratitude and admiration to retiring president Loye Miller for his many years of generous service to the class.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Henderson, Secretary