

MINUTES (Final)

D'61 Class Officers Meeting (Conference Call)

March 25, 2015

Attending the Call: Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Bob Conn, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, John Damon, Rog McArt, Jim Baum

Absent from the Call: Ken DeHaven, Hank Eberhardt, Maynard Wheeler, Pete Palin, Dave Prewitt, Pete Bleyler, Tom Conger, George Bland, Mike Murphy

Invited Guests: None

Denny Denniston, class president, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT.

Vic Rich reported that Mike Murphy would not be attending the conference call since his wife, Helene, had just had back surgery and he was going to the hospital to take her home at the same time as the conference call. Everybody at the meeting wished her a speedy recovery.

Re: D'61 Mini-Reunion (Williamsburg, VA):

The Williamsburg, VA mini-reunion for the period from Sunday, April 19, 2015 – Wednesday, April 22, 2015, is now fully scheduled and ready to go, with 29 classmates and 28 spouses and/or significant others signed up to attend.

Re: Women's Initiative Committee (WIC):

Nyla Arslanian, chairperson, as notated above, will hold the second official meeting of the WIC committee at Williamsburg, VA in April, 2015. Nyla stated that a conference call was held among a group of approximately 10 wives and/or widows on March 12th. The call lasted approximately one hour and the discussion centered on what the committee in general wanted to accomplish and some possible specific goals. Nyla again stated that as part of the updated class directory being prepared, it was important to obtain the separate telephone numbers and email addresses for all of the '61 spouses and widows, and that the WIC would assist in the process by making direct calls to those classmates who did not respond to an email or written request from the class. In addition, Nyla confirmed that the Women's Initiative Committee would be sending a separate sympathy note to all new class widows. Finally, Nyla stated that a contingent of classmate wives living in the Hanover area had begun meeting on a periodic basis to enhance the bond between them and discuss issues of mutual interest.

Denny requested that Nyla respond to him by the next class officers conference call with a list of possible objectives/initiatives for the WIC, prepared with her committee, on which the class officer group might comment and which could be prioritized in the future.

Re: Robert Frost Statue Proposed Improvements:

Mike Murphy, chairman of the Robert Frost statue and surrounding area improvement project, was not available for the conference call so that there is no current update on the scheduling of the anticipated improvements or his planned follow up with Lisa Hogarty, V.P., to nail down the details of the work to be done by the College and a specific timetable for the work to be completed. [Subsequently, it was learned that renovations were scheduled by the College for the area surrounding the Frost statue and that such renovations were to be completed during 2015.]

Re: The Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Program:

John Damon, co-chair of our class' planned giving and BTS program along with Pete Palin, reported that no additional classmates had joined the BTS in February or March to date, so that the class remains at 46 members versus the class goal of 55 by our 55th Reunion in June of 2015.

Again, it was emphasized that classmates could become a member of The Bartlett Tower Society by agreeing to donate some portion of their estate to Dartmouth College directly or indirectly by donation to the '61 Legacy Fund for the Performing Arts at Dartmouth or some other specific Dartmouth project, or by designating "D" to be a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or trust.

Re: Class Directory Update:

Bob Conn, chair of the class directory update, reported that the new directory was progressing and that the next report would be in June. Some of the factors still to be decided were the size of the directory, the print size, the information to be included/excluded, who should be included/excluded, alumni staff prepare/edit versus class prepare/edit versus some combination of the two, and the final cost budget.

Re: Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Drive:

Hank Eberhardt, co-chair for our DCF class drive, was not available for the conference call, so Harris McKee, also co-chair, presented the update report. Harris reported that our class was continuing on its way to achieving the two goals set by our class officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, including a total dollar goal of \$260,000 and a total participation goal of 398 (75%) classmates and widows of classmates. As of March 24th, cash and pledges totaled approximately \$146,700 and participation totaled 240 (45%). Harris emphasized that we still had a lot of work to do in order to achieve, and hopefully exceed, both class goals. He also reported that for upcoming reunion classes only, any contributions of \$1,000 or more made by June 30th of this year and specifically designated as an Early Bird Gift, will count both for this year and for the following 55th Reunion year in the class DCF stats.

Re: 55th Reunion

Jim Baum, 55th Reunion chair, reported on issues and items related to our 55th Reunion. He started by emphasizing that every class officer should publicize the reunion and the reunion dates: June 13 – 16, 2016 as often as possible. He next stated that a rough draft outline of the reunion agenda had been prepared and will be submitted by email and that he was now in the process of seeking assistance from willing classmates to help detail plan and implement the reunion. To date, Maynard Wheeler, in-Hanover class mini-reunion chair, has agreed to assist with the on-campus meal events and Vic Rich has volunteered to oversee the 55th Reunion class project. Finally, Jim is planning to establish one set price (exclusive of room charges) for the entire reunion, with no partial pricing for partial attendance at certain events or on only certain days.

Re: 55th Reunion Class Project:

Vic Rich reported that he had refined and finalized the 55th Class Reunion project, stating that it would encompass both improvements to the area surrounding the class-donated statue of Robert Frost (implementation effort headed by Mike Murphy) and an art contest to derive the best and most original artistic rendition of the Robert Frost statue in each of the four mediums of studio art (implementation effort headed by Pete Bleyler) and involving all D undergraduate and graduate students. The panel of judges for the art contest will be comprised of faculty members from the Department of Studio Arts, members from the class of 1961 (including professional artists) and, hopefully, George W. Lundeen, the original sculptor.

The culmination of this reunion class project will be accomplished by having the improvements to the area completed prior to our 55th Reunion and having a formal re-dedication ceremony during our 55th Reunion (hopefully with the original sculptor of the Frost statue, George W. Lundeen, as our special guest) at which time we are planning to present the winner of each of the four studio art divisions and the overall contest winner with a significant monetary stipend from our class plus an inscribed certificate.

Vic is awaiting a response from Mike Murphy to set up a conference call or a face-to-face meeting with George Lundeen. Other classmates who have signed on thus far to assist with this project include Pete Bleyler and Maynard Wheeler. In addition, a few other classmates will be contacted to join the team. Pete Bleyler has already obtained the approval (and promised support) from the appropriate D faculty personnel and Vic has a call in to the appropriate alumni administrative personnel for their approval, which is expected.

Re: Other Announcements:

The next class officers meeting/conference call for 2015 is rescheduled for Wednesday, May 6th from 1PM - 2PM EDT.

Denny adjourned the meeting at 1:45PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary