



Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.

..... Robert Frost D'96 H'55

1961 conference call minutes 6/03

Present: Denny Denniston, Harris McKee, Hank Eberhardt, Bob Conn, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Pete Palin, John Damon, Jim Baum, Ivar Jozus, Pete Bleyler, Rog McArt
Absent: Ken DeHaven, Vic Rich, Mike Murphy, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, George Bland

President Denny Denniston called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

1961 logo/ letterhead. Denny asked about progress in adding the phrase from the Frost Poem to the logo and/or letterhead. Harris responded that adding to the logo would be difficult, but probably could be added to a class letterhead. The Dartmouth College Fund office has been using a letterhead that partly includes what we want but needs to have the quote and Robert Frost's name. (*webmaster's note: see above*)

55th Reunion: Jim Baum reported that based on past 55th reunions, the College predicted total attendance of 144-160 classmates and guests. (He later explained that that projection was based on 13-15 percent of living alumni.) According to the College, estimated cost would be \$450 per person.

Jim is working on an August 1 timeline for the formation of committees for the reunion and memberships on those committees..

He said the reunion team needs to have a final budget by December 1 and meet with the college March 1-10. The first mailing would go out on March 15.

Jim is visiting all the possible locations for class activities and is working with the 60th reunion class who will be there at the same time to see if there might be synergies. He is looking at the Bema as a possible lunch spot. It is near the Frost statue. There was some resistance about using the Bema from Blunt, but a number of people on the conference call recalled using the Bema for past reunions and had good recollections of it.

Bob Wendell and George Whitehead will handle registration. Regarding the single registration fee, Baum reported the objections expressed at Williamsburg about a single fee, but he said segmenting the fee raised problems for the registration committee because people kept changing their minds.

The question came up of transportation to the various sites since some people are using canes. John Damon suggested golf carts, but Jim reported that the College said no to that as did the Hanover police. But Jim had a subsequent conversation with the new police chief, who said he would look into the question. Bob pointed out that Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center uses 6 and 8 passenger golf carts to help Transport patients and visitors and thought Mary Hitchcock might have the same arrangement.

On the planned art project, Vic Rich was not present and Pete Bleyler reported he was awaiting word from Vic on next steps.

There was also no new report on the Frost statue project except a repeat of Rick Reed's report at Williamsburg that the sculptor, George Lundeen, is enthusiastic about the class and the Frost statue and might be willing to come back.

Bartlett Tower Society. Peter Palin and John Damon reported they probably would have two more commitments by June 30 and would continue the push to have 55 members by our 55th reunion.

They each have 12-15 people to contact from a pool of classmates who have already contacted the college about the possibility of a bequest.

Promotions of the BTS will continue in Wide Wide World (and was in the latest newsletter.)

A list of all the current BTS members will be sent to the officers group.

Dartmouth College Fund. Henry reported we are currently at \$187,000 cash and pledges with 56% participation. Our goal is \$260,000 with 75 percent participation. We need to make sure pledges are paid.

A SWAT team is being formed with a primary focus on the people who gave last year but not this year (LYBNTs). But to make the goal, we also have to get some gifts from people who did not give last year.

Harris reported on the early bird campaign – people who can give an additional \$1000 beyond what they gave last year and designate the gift as Early Bird will receive credit both for this year's DCF and for next year's Reunion Gift. Matching gifts also count (so a \$500 gift that is matched by an employer for \$500 also counts as an early bird. Early birds count in both the 2015 campaign and in the 2016 reunion campaign. And, Harris said, the money also earns interest which will also count in 55th .

Women's campaign. Nyla reported they have been successfully going through the spouses. They currently have contact information (email addresses, cell phone numbers) for 100 of them. She said they think that about 95 of the 61s are without spouses (unmarried, divorced or widowed) which means they are about 25 percent of the way there on reaching the women. They have divided up the women and are calling them all. One key target is to include the women's contact info in the new 61 directory.

New class directory. Bob reported that it will take roughly six weeks from the time we start assembling the directory until it is in the mail. He proposed a mail target date of Oct. 1, which met with general acceptance. To meet that deadline, the effective deadline to the printer is

Aug. 15. We need to be sending spousal information right along so it is not just dumped on alumni records at once. It was agreed that Nyla's deadline would be July 31.

In conversations with Hunter Foraker in the alumni office, it will take the printer roughly a week to assemble the directory from the database, then we will get the directory proofs for review (about another week), then another week or so to lock it up, followed by 3-4 weeks to print and mail it. Ivar, Harris, Bob and Vic will participate in the review.

Hunter said the college database includes our classmates and the widows, but not complete information on the spouses. We want to have spousal email addresses and cell phone numbers in the directory

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned about 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Bob Conn

Co-webmaster and acting secretary.