

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call May 4, 2016

Attending the Meeting: Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Jim Baum, Hank Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Pete Palin, John Damon, Hop Holmberg, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger

Absent from the Meeting: Ken DeHaven, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Mike Murphy

Invited Guests: None

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

55th Reunion:

Jim Baum, reunion chair, reported that a followup invitation email to all classmates had been drafted and would be sent to Harris this week for electronic distribution. Registration was being handled entirely by the College. To date, approximately 150 classmates and spouses/guests had committed to attend; we are hoping for over 200 attendees. Although dorm housing was now officially closed, such housing was still available at a slightly higher rate; also, non-college housing in the area was readily available.

The reunion program has been finalized as has the special program in connection with the Robert Frost statue rededication, including a retrospective presented by George W. Lundeen (the sculptor of the Frost statue at "D") and an exhibition of the winning and honorable mention entries from the Frost statue art contest recently completed. There will be class breakfasts, lunches and dinners. There will be a visit to see the newly renovated area surrounding the Robert Frost statue on campus. There will be College sponsored educational sessions. There will be an ever popular "passages" session. There will be a memorial session to remember our departed classmates. There will be a special session for the women attendees. There will be entertainment both from classmates and from outside groups. There will be a class meeting, which among other things, will introduce our new incoming classmates for the next five year term. In summary, according to Jim, there will be more activities than we can possibly handle.

Robert Frost Statue Class Project:

Vic Rich, reunion class project chair, reported that each of the three phases of the project were moving along and progressing nicely, as follows:

Part 1: Renovation to the Frost statue area - Mike Murphy, statue renovation chair, was not able to attend the conference call, but did send in a written report stating that nearly all of the renovations and improvements to the area surrounding the statue had been completed and that everything would be completely ready prior to the start of our reunion.

Part 2: The Frost statue art contest - Pete Bleyler, co-chair of this segment, was not able to attend the conference call but Vic Rich, the other co-chair, reported that the art contest had ended with approximately 35 entries, the panel of judges (which included three classmates, George Lundeen and several members from the studio arts faculty) had selected the four winning entries (one from each category of studio arts, the grand winner and five honorable mentions) and Pete had arranged for an awards ceremony and reception to be held on May 19th with an exhibition of the winning entries and honorable mention entries to begin at that time at the Black Family Visual Arts Center and to last at least through the end of our reunion in mid-June. Both Vic and Pete are scheduled to attend the awards ceremony and present the monetary stipends (totaling \$5,500) and certificates signed by both George W. Lundeen and the '61 class secretary to the various winners and honorable mention recipients.

Part 3: The Frost statue rededication ceremony - Vic Rich, chair of this segment, reported that the program for the ceremony had been completed, which because of timing requirements regarding President Hanlon, had to be divided between the cocktail hour on Tuesday afternoon and the class dinner on Tuesday in Alumni Hall. In all, there will be six speakers for this segment, including four from our class, sculptor George Lundeen, and the "D" vice-president for Alumni relations.

After some discussion with George Lundeen, he agreed to sell to the class two (which later became three subsequent to this meeting/conference call) 15" miniature signed limited edition bronze statues which replicate the life-size Frost statue on campus. One of these statues will be gifted to the College and the other statue (now two) will be raffled off to classmates during the reunion dinner on that same Tuesday evening. Raffle tickets will cost \$100 each, or four tickets for \$300. Each of the miniature Frost statues has been acquired from George Lundeen at his projected cost of \$1,050, as opposed to the full retail value of approximately \$3,300 for each miniature limited edition of the Frost statue.

Women's Initiative Committee:

Nyla Arslanian, chair, reported that, with assistance from Patti Rich, she were working on preparing letters to spouses of classmates that had previously indicated an interest in attending the 55th reunion but had not yet signed up and to all widows of classmates who had passed away from 2000-2016. In addition, she and Patti were going to prepare an email/letter to all attending spouses and non-attending spouses on the committee's email list to promote the women's initiative segment at the upcoming reunion. Finally, she and Patti were planning to hold a conference call prior to reunion to include all spouses on the committee's email list in order to review and discuss an outline of proposed topics for discussion at the reunion.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS):

Pete Palin, co-chair of the BTS committee, reported that the class currently had 50 BTS members, with 3 more applications in process. An email was going out this week to 100 top classmate DCF donors and consistent donors to the '61 Performing Arts Legacy soliciting their participation in BTS. In addition, selected follow-up telephone calls were planned with potential BTS applicants to follow up solicitation and encourage participation.

Pete recommended that a gift be presented to all '61 members of BTS during reunion and thereafter. He suggested a "D" cocktail glass, which would cost the class approximately \$1,200 for between 55-60 glasses. After discussion, this was approved.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF):

Hank Eberhardt, Harris McKee and Rog McArt, co-chairs of our class DCF effort, reported that the class currently has received \$461k (including 18 specific pledges still open in whole or in part) against a class goal of \$610k, or 76%. Regarding our very important class goal of participation, the class has achieved 266 donors to date (including the 18 pledges) against our class goal of 410, or 65%. Hank stated that we need to obtain an additional 144 classmate donors by the end of June, and hopefully by our reunion in mid-June. Achieving 410 contributors out of a current class pool of 510 currently living classmates would enable our class to achieve our formidable but achievable reunion participation goal of 80%.

Hank, Harris and Hop Holmberg (class DCF participation chair) were preparing to begin their annual "SWAT" team calls to all classmates who had not yet made any DCF contribution during the current fiscal year. The SWAT team currently includes Denny Denniston, Rog McArt, Ken DeHaven, Zhuoman Gardner, Sam Bell, Bob Conn and Dave Prewitt in addition to Hank, Harris and Hop. If anyone else wants to assist, they should contact any of the aforementioned.

Other Matters:

Vic Rich recommended that the Class of 1961 adopt George Lundeen, renowned sculptor of the Robert Frost statue Dartmouth, as a member of our class during our 55th reunion, which George has agreed to attend and participate in as the guest of honor for the segment of the reunion dealing with the rededication of the Robert Frost statue, with its greatly enhanced surrounding area, and including the results and retrospective of the Robert Frost statue art contest which George was involved in planning and judging. In addition, among other things, George has agreed to sell to our class, at cost (one-third of the retail value), three miniature (15") signed limited addition bronze statues of Robert Frost recently produced by Mr. Lundeen to replicate the life-size statue of the Robert Frost statue at the College. One of these miniature statues will be donated to Dartmouth College and the other two will be raffled off to classmates during reunion. A preliminary vote of the class officers in attendance resulted in a 2:1 vote in favor, with

Denny suggesting that the 4 absent class officers also be contacted and their opinions obtained.

(Subsequently, 3 of the 4 other class officers responded that they were in favor of the class adopting George, with 1 class officer abstaining.)

The next class officer meeting/conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 (subsequently revised to Thursday, June 2, 2016).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary