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Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call

December 14, 2016

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Hank Eberhardt, Roger McArt, Red Facher, Oscar Arslanian

Absent from the Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Dave Prewitt, Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, Dave Armstrong, Tom Conger, David Birney, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Janet Rosa, Vince Wilson

Don O'Neill, class president, called the meeting to order at 12:05PM EST and again welcomed to the meeting Janet Rosa, DCF regional director, and Vince Wilson, DCF manager assigned to work directly with our class.

Secretary's Report:

Don asked for approval of the Minutes for the November 9, 2016 D'61 class officers conference call/meeting. A motion was made and seconded and the Minutes were approved unanimously without comment.

Vic Rich stated that he had requested from the Alumni Office a copy of the class communication plan from one or more other classes so that he and Harris could use it as a starting point to begin to work on a communication plan for our class.

Vic reported that Dave Armstrong's wife, Linda, had just recently passed away and that Dave was planning to hold a memorial service in January to honor her life. Linda had been a long-time supporter and friend of our class and she will be missed. The class officers on the phone conference extended their condolences to David as a group.

Vic also reported that the Prewitt's were unable to make today's conference call because Dave was undergoing eye surgery for cataracts on this very day (where are his priorities??).

D'61 Class Project Report:

Everyone present was in full agreement that our class should use all current and future class projects to support the arts at Dartmouth, as we have so many times in the past

and for which the Class of 1961 has become well known and highly respected. With that conceptual direction in mind, Vic proposed that we reinstate the Robert Frost statue art contest for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 fiscal year, with a longer participation period and with a required written attachment tying in the artistic submission with the Robert Frost statue and/or Robert Frost himself. The proposed longer participation period would generate more participants and a higher level of projects, especially since each entry would require a brief written component of approximately 250 words or less. Also, adding a written component would probably encourage (but not require) a more cooperative effort of at least two people, one with an artistic bent and one with a creative writing bent.

As with the successful Robert Frost Statue Art Contest held substantially during the first four months of 2016, the Class will sponsor an awards ceremony, framed certificates, financial remuneration for the various categories of studio arts as well as the overall grand winner and, hopefully, another exhibition of the winning entries at the Hopkins Center/Black Family Visual Arts Center, with the total financial remuneration pool to exceed the \$5,500 pool from the prior contest (the exact amount was not yet discussed).

Don appointed a Class Project Committee of Vic Rich, Oscar Arslanian and Pete Bleyler to make it happen. They will set up a conference call prior to the January or February class officers' monthly conference call to draw up a game plan for approval by the class officer group within the next three months or so.

Treasurer's Report:

Ivar Jozus reported that by mid-December, our class dues participation had reached 48% and that the class had approximately \$70k in its bank account, with all 55th Reunion expenses paid in full and more dollars from dues still due. Ivar also stated that a second dues notice had just been mailed to classmates.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report:

Henry Eberhardt, reporting for the DCF team of Roger McArt, Harris McKee and himself, stated that as of early December, the class had received \$59k in cash and pledges against a class dollar goal of \$261k. Also, the class had 66 donors out of a goal of 380 required to achieve our class participation goal of 76%. Of course, these numbers will improve, hopefully significantly, by the end of the calendar year. Hank, Roger and Harris emphasized that they needed additional classmates to become DCF agents for the class, primarily to help achieve the class participation goal and help avoid a post-55th Reunion malaise.

Webmaster's Report:

Harris McKee reported that the Dartmouth server, "HAPPY", had been hacked and that a new server was in the process of being installed. Still open was the question of who did the hacking and why — with some "speculation" that it was the Russians, who were trying to influence the election of undergraduate class officers.

Off-Campus Mini-Reunion Report:

There was no report since Dave Prewitt was undergoing an eye operation and Joani was supplying the transportation and moral support. [Joani subsequently reported that the operation was successful,] Don mentioned that he, Ron Boss and Ralph Barton had homes in the area of Newport, RI, where the next class mini is scheduled for May 20-23, 2018, and that they should be included in the mini-reunion planning process.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report:

Red Facher reported that because of Dave's personal issues, not too much has taken place to date. However, Red and Dave are scheduled to have a conference call with a BTS contact person from the Alumni Office, which Don asked to be included in, as well as a planning conference call between them.

D'61 Performing Arts Legacy:

Apparently at president Hanlon's request, Oscar agreed to write up the history of the '61 Arts Legacy for his office.

D'61 Virtual Reunion:

Harris has agreed to coordinate our class' very first Virtual Reunion on the 61st day of the year 2017 (March 2nd). He will send out relevant notices, a poster and instructions to all classmates.

The next class officers' meeting/conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at noon EST.

Don closed the meeting at 12:55PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary