

Minutes, D'61 Class Officers Conference Call

February 14, 2018

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Rog McArt, Hank Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Red Facher, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

Absent from the Meeting: Denny Denniston, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Tom Conger, Dave Armstrong

Invited Guests: Frank Stephens (attended), Vince Wilson (attended), Bill Collishaw (unable to attend)

Don O'Neill, class president, called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone attending. He noted that Bill Collishaw, who is in the midst of reviewing our class constitution and outlining the areas which he believes may require amendment, unfortunately was unable to attend the conference call but reported to Don that he was making progress with his assignment.

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the class officers conference call/meeting of January 10, 2018, which Minutes were approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

At Don's request, Vic sent an email to Frank Stephens inviting him to participate in the February class officers conference call.

Mini-Reunions – Off-Campus (London, England)

At this point, Don introduced classmate Frank Stephens, who was on the conference call from London, to speak about a proposed off-campus reunion and 80th class birthday party to be held in London during 2019.

Frank reported that he and his wife, Dawn, have agreed to chair a class mini-reunion in London during the year 2019, to coincide with our classmates joint 80th birthday. Since Frank and Dawn are long-time residents of London, they were a natural choice to host

the mini-reunion. Frank then brought up for discussion the length of the mini (3 nights/2 days), the timing (sometime during May), the location (a nice but reasonably priced well-located hotel in London proper with nearby access to the Underground, proximity to shopping and Piccadilly Circus, and an estimated discounted group hotel rate - cost of approximately \$450/night inclusive of VAT, assuming a minimum of 10 hotel rooms).

Finally, Maynard is to communicate with Zeke McMillan-Laird, a former D'61 arts stipend recipient who is currently in London from 2018-2020 while pursuing a Masters Degree in conducting at the Royal College of Music in London, to try to coordinate a London musical evening or tour event connected with the Royal College of Music.

Mini-Reunion – Off Campus (Newport, Rhode Island)

Dave and Joan Prewitt, co-chairs of the upcoming '61 off-campus mini-reunion in Newport, Rhode Island, reported that as of the date of the conference call, 27 classmates plus many spouses/significant others had signed up to attend the event, beginning on Sunday evening, May 20th through Wednesday morning, May 23rd. An updated list of attendees will be emailed out to those signed up to attend and put on the class website for all classmates to view. Classmate Ron Heineman, a noted historian, is scheduled to be a featured speaker. Don noted that he is looking into possibly scheduling golf on Wednesday afternoon for those classmates staying over after the mini ends and wishing to play. Dave noted that as of the conference call date, it was still not too late to sign up and take advantage of the very low group rate arranged for the Class of '61, but that this discounted low hotel room rate option could soon disappear. Joan requested that all attendees send in their checks for event participation as soon as conveniently possible.

Mini-Reunion – On-Campus (Fall 2019 Homecoming Weekend)

As Maynard Wheeler, chair of our annual Fall mini-reunion on campus, was unable to attend the conference call, Vic Rich reported that the dates were October 26-28, which again coincided with "D" Homecoming Weekend and that Maynard has promised another event-filled weekend. Those planning to attend should make their hotel reservations early as the football game this year is against Harvard.

Treasurer's Report

Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, reported that the Class currently has a cash balance of approximately \$82,000+ on hand, with no debts except for the agreed upon \$50,000 contribution due to fund 50% of the recently approved endowed class project totaling \$100,000. Ivar emphasized that the other \$50,000 to be collected from classmate donations needs to be accounted for and controlled as the funds are contributed. Ivar also stated that class dues were still being received but at a now reduced pace and that a final dues notice would be sent out during February.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF)

Harris McKee and Hank Eberhardt, Class DCF co-head agents of our class' annual DCF efforts (along with Denny Denniston and Rog McArt), reported that as of January 13th, approximately \$100,000 in cash and pledges (mostly cash) had been received versus a class goal of \$215,000 (46.5%) and 148 donors had contributed or pledged out of a total goal of 368 classmates (40.2%) required to achieve our overall high class participation goal of 75%. Our overall participation percentage to date, based on all currently eligible classmates (490), was 30.2%. Hank noted that our class was currently running well behind the Class of 1954, the only other "D" class to set a participation goal of 75%.

Class DCF conference calls/meetings were to be set up to occur on a more frequent and more regular basis going forward. In addition, approximately 35-40 classmates were just sent/to be sent a personalized follow-up notice based on their significant and steady donor contributions during the past several years. Finally, Hank noted that all class officers had contributed to DCF for the current fiscal year.

D'61 Class Constitution Update

As previously reported by Don, Bill Collishaw was unable to attend the conference call, but reported to Don that definite progress was being made to enumerate the sections of our class constitution that required review and possible amendment.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, class webmaster, reported that there was nothing of note to report this month, but that several updates had been inserted on a current basis, as necessary.

D'61 Virtual Reunion Update

Harris McKee, class virtual reunion chair, reported that the second annual '61 virtual reunion would take place on March 2, 2018 (the 61st day of the year). Harris emphasized that several reminders, along with this year's '61 virtual reunion designation sheet, would be emailed to each classmate along with detailed instructions on how to participate.

Endowed Class Project

In Pete Bleyler's absence, Don reported that the College has agreed to our request to have a single endowment fund (*The Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations*) totaling \$100,000 at the outset which would in turn fund two separate student projects in the arts (*The Class of 1961 Arts Initiative Award*) and international relations (*The Class of 1961 Stephen W. Bosworth Award for International Relations*).

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS)

Red Facher, co-chair along with Dave Armstrong, reported that our class had either 64 or 65 BTS members, depending on a reconciliation with the College. This currently ranks our class #2 overall, but well behind the class ranked #1. Red and Dave will communicate as to how best to move forward and encourage additional classmates to sign up.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair along with Patti Rich and Joan Prewitt, reported that she and Patti spoke about the content for the WIC meetings to be held during the Newport and Hanover mini-reunions during 2018 plus the sending out by Nyla of a special separate email to all spouses/significant others/widows encouraging them to attend the two aforementioned minis during 2018 as well as the London mini scheduled for May 2019. Also discussed was the continued sending out of special condolence notes from WIC or the personal calling of all recent widows.

'61 Class Awards Committee

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that there had been discussion among the committee members, along with Don O'Neill, as to how many awards should be presented to deserving classmates each year, or if a fixed annual number should even be stipulated, plus when and where such annual award(s) should be presented. The preliminary recommendation by Dave are for presenting two awards per year and that such awards should only be presented on campus at the more heavily attended annual Fall mini-reunions and at our regular formal reunions every five years. Finally, Dave recommended that the committee come up with a single unified name for this award.

Class Newsletter

Tom Conger, class newsletter editor, was unable to attend the conference call, but Harris reported that another class newsletter was nearing completion and submission.

D'61 Archive of Class and Classmate Alumni Awards

Denny Denniston, chair of this internal class project, unexpectedly was unable to attend the conference call and no report was submitted.

New Business

No new business was presented.

The next conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary