

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

May 8, 2019

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Jim Baum, Harris McKee, Bill Collishaw, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Tom Conger, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian

Absent from Meeting: Pete Bleyler, Dave Prewitt, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Armstrong, Red Facher, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Frank Stephens (present), Vince Wilson (present)

Don O'Neill, Class President, called the meeting to order at noon EDT.

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the '61 class officers conference call/meeting of April 10, 2019, which Minutes were approved unanimously as written and presented.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he wrote and submitted the Class article in late April for the Class Notes Section of the July/August issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.

Vic noted that Beth Kelly, Director of Alumni Class Activities, has invited alumni class leaders to submit stories about "how you and your classmates are celebrating Dartmouth's 250th Anniversary", with the best stories to be published. He then proposed that we submit a brief 250 +/- word summary of our London mini-reunion for consideration. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, Class Treasurer, reported that he has been working hard to resolve open financial items brought up by other class officers, resulting primarily from

the transfer of funds and prior financial information from Ivar to Jim during the middle of the year. Not all open items have been resolved as of now.

Jim reported that the cash account balance at Ledyard Bank for the Class as of May 8th was \$48,101. Dues income reported by Jim was \$16,303 received from 151 classmates, which includes actual dues at \$9,211 (151 x \$61) with the balance apparently coming primarily from voluntary classmate contributions to various ongoing class projects and also other class expenses. Jim will follow up on whether the dues, etc. contributions dated from the beginning of the fiscal year (7/1/2018) or only from the time that Jim took over the class treasurer's function. Jim also reported that he had received a check from the Prewitt's which represented the surplus balance of \$2,018 from the Newport mini held earlier. For the on-campus Fall mini this year, a separate account was set up for Maynard, as chair, at Ledyard Bank for all deposits and expenses relating to the Fall mini.

Off-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (London, England – May 2019)

Frank Stephens, chair of the off-campus mini-reunion in London from May 15-18, 2019, submitted an updated and expanded agenda for the three day mini and reported that everything was in place for the upcoming event. Nineteen classmates and spouses/ significant others were expected to attend. According to Frank, only the weather remains an open item.

On-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (Hanover, NH – October 2019)

Maynard Wheeler, chair of the Class' on-campus mini-reunions, was unable to attend the conference call, but reported that nothing new had taken place with respect to the October mini.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Henry Eberhardt, a co-chair of our Class DCF efforts, presented the monthly written report prepared and submitted by Harris McKee, another Class DCF co-chair, and updated by Henry.

Henry reported that as of May 7, 2019, approximately \$179,000 in cash and pledges had been received versus our '61 cash goal of \$225,000, or 80%, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; \$46,000 to go. With respect to participation, 181 classmate donors have made a DCF contribution or pledge, which puts the Class

at 37.7% of the Class' stated goal of 75%. To again achieve a 75% classmate DCF participation rate, the Class needs a total of 360 classmate donors by June 30th, which represents 75% of our current class count of 480 existing and locatable class members. To date, nine classes are ahead of the Class of '61 in terms of participation, with the leading class at 57.1%. However, seven of the nine aforementioned classes are at less than only 2% ahead of our class. Harris added that compared to last year at this time, the Class is ahead in terms of cash received and pledges, including four additional "1769 Donors" (donors for the fiscal year of \$2,500 or more) but behind in terms of the number of classmate contributors. Denny added that the Class' "swat team" will begin calling classmates on approximately May 23rd.

Harris also noted that for the College DCF effort as a whole, through April 9th the College had collected or received pledges equal to 60.2% of its stated dollar goal and achieved a donor participation rate of 20.4% for contributions and pledges.

D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the ad-hoc Class Constitution Update Committee organized to review and revise the '61 Class Constitution where necessary or desirable reported that the revised draft of revisions to the '61 Class Constitution (Articles III, V, VI, VII), assuming final approval by the four committee members, will be ready to submit to the entire '61 class officers as a group for their approval, hopefully by the June 2019 conference call. After that is achieved, a copy of the existing current Class Constitution and the proposed amendments thereto will be made available to all classmates, probably via email, with the intention of a Class "approve" or "reject" vote to take place at the next '61 Class Meeting, scheduled to be held during our Fall mini-reunion in Hanover during the weekend of October 11-13, 2019. Harris will work with Bill to implement and submit the final revised version.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Neither Dave Armstrong nor Red Facher, co-chairs of the '61 Class BTS efforts, were able to attend the conference call and no report was submitted.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, was unable to attend the conference call and did not submit a report. However, Vince Wilson reported that since last month there were no new funds received from classmates, so that the final \$931 was still to be received or committed by June 30, 2019 in order for the Class to fully fund the \$100,000 required to meet the financial requirements necessary to initiate and implement the project starting with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. Don stated that he is hopeful that the financial goal will be met by June 30th.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Committee

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair of the WIC along with Patti Rich, reported that there was nothing new to report.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted about a half-dozen updates to the website, including the July/August Class article for DAM and the Minutes for the April 2019 class officers meeting/conference call.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that no classmate or spouse of a classmate was reported to have passed away during the past month (the Class has been on a favorable roll now for several months).

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, reported that a June edition of the '61 class newsletter is in process and should be published by next month.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, was not able to attend the conference call and no report was submitted.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class as it has related to the College since 1961, stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

New Business

Vic mentioned that the College was undertaking the preparation of a new Master Plan for the future development of Dartmouth during the next approximately 20 years, both within and outside of its current campus envelope. While the most recently completed master plan and ensuing development shows substantial and steady growth of buildings and physical plant relating to academic and arts use, there has been little recent development for student housing, especially at the undergraduate student level. It is important that all of us follow this current master plan and provide input as to what size the undergraduate student body should be and how and when to get there. Also, consideration should be given within this master plan to any probable and potential effects upon the undergraduate college if there is little or no net growth of undergraduate residential housing within the next few years.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm EDT.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at noon EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary