

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

December 9, 2020

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt, Henry Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, Tom Conger, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt, Vince Wilson

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Dave Armstrong

Invited Guests: None

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

Don asked for the approval of the Minutes for the November 11, 2020 class officers/executive committee teleconference meeting, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Don welcomed everyone and indicated that he was pleased with the progress being made towards our 60th Reunion and the ongoing selection of new classmates to become incoming members of the class' incoming officers and executive committee.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the November 11, 2020 class officers/executive committee teleconference.

In addition, Vic is continuing to work to obtain and articulate precise definitions for the four out of the 24 College DCF related awards which, upon a review of the cursory requirements, the Class of '61 would be eligible to compete for during the current 60th Reunion fiscal year: the Class of 1964 Award, the Mark R. Alperin 1980 Award, the Charles F. Moore, Jr. 1925 Award, the Harvey P. Hood 1918 Award. Vic will send out a memo for comment within the next week or two.

Vic produced three DRAFT versions to date of the “D” related awards and recognitions received by the Class of 1961 and by ’61 individual classmates for insertion into the ’61 60th Reunion booklet. He is currently working with Denny and Vince to fill in a few possible final missing gaps necessary to complete the ’61 Class & Classmates Awards Archive project.

Vic communicated with several classmates and various members of the College’s administration dealing with alumni matters in general and the Class of 1961 in particular, including but not limited to multiple communications with the sister-in-law of the recently deceased classmate Charlie Francis, George Lundein (sculptor of Dartmouth’s Robert Frost statue) and classmate Mike Kirst (congratulating him on his recent appointment to be Senior Fellow in Residence at the prestigious Learning Policy Institute in Palo Alto, CA).

Treasurer’s Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class’ current cash balances as of December 9th totaled \$44,328 in the Class’ checking account and \$11,048 in the Class’ reunion/mini-reunion checking account, totaling \$55,376. Since July 1, 2019, the Class collected dues of \$5,429 from 89 classmates and voluntary contributions of \$4,000 from classmates (total actually more, but info not yet provided by College) for various existing class projects. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Class has to date made a donation of \$2,500 (same as last year) to the Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors program.

After the upcoming virtual mini-reunion in January, Ron will transfer additional funds from the Class’ regular account to the Class’ reunion/mini-reunion account so that the total in the reunion account will equal the \$16,000 agreed-to amount that the class will provide for our virtual 60th Reunion.

Finally, the first dues notice for the current fiscal year was mailed out to classmates in November.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, Art Kelton, Oscar Arslanian and Rog McArt comprises the Class of ’61 current nominating committee. Dave reported that as of today, five classmates had agreed to become new at-large members of the Class’ executive committee: Hop Holmberg, Glenn Gemelli, Mort Lynn, Al Rozycki and Gim Burton. Don thanked the nominating committee for their excellent choices to date.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-chair (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt) of our Class' DCF efforts, presented the Class' report of actual dollars contributed to date by classmates and number of classmates contributing to date versus projected goals for the Class of '61 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021:

- Our class DCF dollar goal was increased to \$725,000 for our 60th Reunion and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. As of December 9th, the Class has received \$179,368 and additional firm pledges of \$76,000.
- A plan entitled "60th Reunion Double-Double Challenge" has now been activated to encourage more '61 donors to raise their projected donations by providing for matching incentive gifts from a highly active (but anonymous) classmate for any current year gift that equal or exceeds the greater of the classmate's gift for the 55th Reunion or doubles his/her gift for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. An email was sent out in November to classmates explaining the aforementioned '61 Class DCF challenge. To date, 10 classmates have accepted the challenge and qualified for the matching contribution.
- Our DCF participation goal was established at 72% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Actual classmate contributors to date amount to 81, including 8 of the 16 current class officers and executive committee members (excluding spousal class officers whose husbands also serve as class officers).

Harris and Henry emphasized that our 60th Reunion will be the last major reunion giving effort by our class. As a result, we will want to go out on top, having achieved and possibly even exceeded our 60th Reunion dollar and participation goals.

D'61 Off-Campus/On-Campus Virtual Mini-Reunion Report (Quarterly)

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion chair, reported that based on the success of the '61 virtual on-campus no-charge two-day mini-reunion in October 2020 and the results of a post-reunion survey, it was decided to hold an off-campus no-charge one-day virtual mini-reunion on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

The January 12th afternoon mini will include two Zoom educational panel discussions of 2 hours each: one on '61 classmates in foreign service and the other a discussion about the book, *The Great Influenza*, by and with the book's author (John Barry) concerning the 1918 flu pandemic and its relevance to the current Covid-19 pandemic. Information emails will be prepared and sent out to classmates in December and January. Also, a Zoom tutorial will be held on-line for those needing support or practice in this area. Assisting Maynard with this effort are Pete Bleyler and Harris McKee, as well as several classmate panelists and moderators.

A second quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2nd, which is the 61st day of 2021.

D'61 On-Campus Virtual 60th Reunion (Hanover, NH – June 2021)

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, repeated that our 60th Reunion, currently scheduled from June 14-17, would have to be virtual because of continuing COVID-19 issues. Should coronavirus conditions and College support change prior to our 60th Reunion, an attempt may be made to have at least a portion of the reunion live and on-campus as well as and in addition to virtual on-campus. As of this date, the Alumni Relations Office atypically still has not yet assigned any staff person from that office to our Class to assist us with the reunion.

Because of the time involved and the College's lack of involvement to date, Pete and his committee have decided to move forward at this time with a fully virtual via Zoom no charge 60th Reunion in June, 2021 with an approved total approved class budget of \$16,000, as follows:

- \$ 3,000 Mailings and miscellaneous
- 2,500 Program booklets
- 500 Refrigerator magnets (for all classmate
- 10,000 Reunion souvenir (for all classmate households who register and attend at least a portion of the reunion program)

- \$ 16,000 Total 60th Reunion Budget
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Assisting Pete in this endeavor, apart from an extensive reunion committee, are Maynard Wheeler, Harris McKee and Ron Wybranowski.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, reported that there was nothing new to report at this time. The dual project, consisting of grants provided to undergraduate students under the John Sloane Dickey Center / '61 Stephen Bosworth Award and under the '61 Arts Legacy, appeared to be running smoothly. An issue as to how the financial stipends were being determined was brought up and Pete said he would follow up on the matter and report back.

Digital Content Manager's (Webmaster) Report

Harris McKee, Class webmaster/digital content manager, reported that during the past month he had posted approximately 15 website updates and 9 iModules. In addition, Harris mentioned that he had learned how to update Merge lists in iModules, but was still working with the College on reorganizing the link in DAM for 1961 obits.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month we learned that three more classmates (Cartter Frierson, Charles Francis, Ron Heinemann) and one classmate spouse (Deborah Cantley) had passed away and that obit notices had been published on the class website for those whom obit notices had been received .

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that he was planning on publishing four issues of our class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year ending June 30th, instead of the usual three issues. To date, two issues have already been published with the other two issues to be published prior to June 30, 2021.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS chair, was not able to attend the meeting and did not submit a report. Don O'Neill reported that he has been working with Dave to communicate with 24 pre-selected classmates who appear to be good candidates for joining BTS. The goal for our 60th reunion is to achieve an additional 33 members by June 30, 2021. Our Class currently has 67 BTS members.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, reported that they were continuing to communicate, orally and/or in writing, with the recent widows of deceased classmates. In addition, Nyla and Oscar have begun to organize and gather material for the 60th Reunion booklet, with assistance from several other classmates to provide the content.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, Awards Committee chair, reported that Dave and the committee were expecting to present one or more awards during our 60th Reunion in June 2021 and in the Fall of 2021

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class, was not present for the teleconference and did not submit a report. Vic reported that he was assisting Denny to finish this long-standing project (now about 90% completed) and also to provide the information included therein for the 60th Reunion booklet.

The next class officers/executive committee telecon will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at noon EST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:05PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary