

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

February 9, 2022

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyer, Dave Prewitt, Oscar Arslanian, Henry Eberhardt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Dave Armstrong, Al Rozycki, Art Kelton, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Bill Collishaw, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Jim McElhinney, Tim Grumbacher

Invited Guests: Amanda Addington (attended); Vince Wilson (unable to attend)

Maynard Wheeler, Class President, called the meeting to order at noon (EST).

Maynard asked for the approval of the Minutes for the December 8, 2021 class officers/executive committee virtual teleconference meeting. These Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Maynard then asked for the approval of the Minutes for the January 12, 2022 class officers/executive committee virtual teleconference meeting. These Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted, subject to one minor date correction.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had prepared and submitted the Minutes for the December 8, 2021 and the January 12, 2022 class officers/executive committee Zoom teleconferences.

In addition, Vic prepared and submitted the inscription for the plaque to be presented to the classmate selected to receive the *1961 Special Classmate Award* during the '61 mini-reunion on February 10, 2022.

Finally, Vic communicated with several classmates and the College's administration in general and the class of 1961 in particular.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class' current cash balances as of February 8, 2022 totaled \$56,337, including \$51,218 in the Class' general checking account and \$5,119 in the Class' 60th Reunion checking account; All invoices for the 60th Reunion were received and paid by June 30, 2021.

Class dues for the current fiscal year (unchanged at \$61) have been arriving steadily, primarily as a result of the first dues notice sent out by Ron to classmates. Including 5 dues pre-payments of \$61 each carried over from the prior fiscal year and 166 dues payments applicable to the current fiscal year (some less than \$61), a total of \$10,823 in dues payments applicable to the current fiscal year have been received. The second dues mailing notice has been submitted by Ron to the College in January for mailing to classmates in early March 2022. Hopefully, the dues participation for the current fiscal year will exceed the 60% participation rate achieved for the prior fiscal year.

In addition to the dues collected for the current fiscal year-to-date, many classmates have made additional contributions designated to support various class projects:

- '61 Performing Arts Legacy	\$ 909
- Frost Legacy Project.	1,480
- Other class projects (as yet undetermined)	2,119

Total	\$4,508
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Ron then presented an analysis of funds received from classmates and others during the past 3 years, funds expended on class projects during that period of time, and the remaining balance of unspent funds

Period	Income	Expensed	Unspent Funds
2018-2019	\$2,058	\$1,500	\$ 558
2019-2020	4,013	1,500	2,513
2020-2021	7,283	1,000	6,283
Totals	\$13,354	- \$4,000	= \$9,354 (A)

Funds available for new '61 class projects, not yet allocated:

- Received or carried over (as of 11/1/2021)	\$9,354 (A)
- Received (11/1/2021 - 2/8/2022)	2,119

Total	\$11,473
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The aforementioned indicates that the unspent \$9,354 “(A)” is still available as of the beginning of the current fiscal year for use on class projects, either currently existing or to be established. Note that the unspent funds include \$4,000 received from classmate Jim Baum and \$1,000 received from Virginia Rice Kelsey, a long-term friend of the Class of ’61.

Ron then reported that donations from the Class during the current fiscal year-to-date have been as follows:

- “D” Athletics Dept.	\$2,500
- ’61 Performing Arts Legacy (in memoriam)	1,300
- ’61 Performing Arts Legacy (voluntary w/ dues)	602 (prepaid)
- Frost Legacy (voluntary w/ dues)	1,263 (prepaid)

Total	\$5,665
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One new class project recently proposed for fiscal 2022, improving and expanding the landscaping around the Frost statue, could be funded in whole or in part with the remaining unspent funds carried over to fiscal 2022 (\$9,354) plus additional funds collected to date during the current fiscal year to date and deemed available for a new class project or projects during the current fiscal year (\$2,119), for a total of \$11,473.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-head agent (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt) of our Class’ DCF efforts, presented the Class’ DCF report for the seven months of DCF activity for the current fiscal year which began July 1, 2021:

- 1- A dollar goal of \$261,961 and a participation goal of 72% was finalized for the Class' fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
- 2- The Class' donation base at the beginning of the fiscal year was 431 classmates; it is now 415, due primarily to the passing of members of the Class during the current fiscal year.

Harris reported that as of February 9, 2022, the Class of 1961 had received \$313,495 in DCF donations and firm pledges versus our class goal for the current fiscal year of \$261,961. Also, as of February 9, 2022, the Class of '61 led all classes in participation with 33.6%, which is 1.5% ahead of the class in second place (1960), and exactly where we were at this time last year. Personal thank you notes are in the process of being sent to all '61 DCF contributors.

Following this meeting, there will be a virtual Zoom telecom between Amanda Addington and the '61 DCF co-directors and other '61's heavily involved in the Class's DCF efforts.

D'61 On-Campus/Off-Campus Quarterly Virtual Mini-Reunion Report (February 2022)

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the next virtual (via Zoom) mini-reunion will be held for one day on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 11:30AM – 4:00PM. The winter mini-reunion will concentrate primarily on a panel of classmates who will focus on their “roads travelled and less travelled” and on some undergraduate student athletes and their coach who have achieved outstanding success in a minor Dartmouth “club” sport as the current NCAA college champions in women's rugby. In addition, the Class will present a D'61 Special Classmate Award to a well-deserving classmate. Sign-up to date has been excellent, at approximately 111 individuals.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, reported that there was nothing significant to report. The dual project, consisting of financial awards provided to undergraduate students in accordance with the John Sloane Dickey Center/'61 Stephen Bosworth Award and the '61 Arts Legacy, appeared to be running relatively smoothly. Each program is currently funding two students per year with cash grants or awards.

Digital Content Manager/Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Digital Content Manager/Webmaster, reported that during the current monthly period he had generated 17 class website updates, including the postings of the upcoming February 10th '61 mini-reunion updates. In addition, Harris issued 10 iModules emails since the prior month's class officer and executive committee Zoom virtual meeting.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month two classmates and/or spouses had passed away or the Class had just learned of their passing, as follows: Bobby Moore (classmate) and Dave Overton (classmate). The Class' officers and Class executive committee, upon behalf of the Class, has extended its written condolences to the families of the aforementioned. Detailed obituary notices, where available, have been emailed to all classmates and posted to the '61 class website.

In addition, Harris notifies the Class Treasurer of the passing of each classmate and classmate's spouse so that \$100 can be contributed to the *'61 Performing Arts Legacy* in honor of each such deceased person.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that he was in the midst of preparing the second edition of the '61 Class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year. This second edition will likely be published in early March, so that the results of the February 10th mini-reunion can be included.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Both Al Rozycki and Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chairs, attended the meeting. The Class apparently now has 76 BTS members, including adopted classmate Vince Wilson, which was a nice addition for the Class. Dave announced that the Class of '61 now ranked 10th among all Dartmouth classes and 2nd among all Dartmouth classes in our decade. According to comments by Al and Dave, some additional classmates appear interested in joining and, hopefully, will join the BTS during the current fiscal year.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Neither Nyla Arslanian nor Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, were able to attend the telecom but a brief written report was submitted. They mentioned that they were beginning to plan for a '61 women's initiative virtual gathering, hopefully at the spring mini-reunion.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that the committee, consisting of Dave, Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, and Vic Rich, will present one *'61 Special Classmate Award* during the winter '61 mini-reunion to be held on February 10, 2022. Vic wrote the inscription for the recipient's plaque, which he will be present tomorrow.

In addition, the committee has been reviewing other potential nominees and expects to present at least one award during our anticipated upcoming spring 2022 mini-reunion.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Vic Rich, co-chair of this committee with Denny Denniston, reported that this multi-year project was revised to include significant updated information arising through December 31, 2021. The updated and substantially more complete *'61 Class & Classmate Awards and Recognition Archive* will be included in a booklet of about 12 pages to be published and distributed to classmates during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The final draft of this awards archive booklet has been delayed, but should be completed and ready for a final review by the end of March, 2022.

Alumni Council D'61 Representative Report

Don O'Neill, the class' current representative to the Alumni Council, was not able to attend the virtual telecom and did not submit a report. However, no one attending was aware of any Alumni Council issues of substance at the time of this report. Also, this was generally a quiet time of the year for the Alumni Council.

Proposed Improvement of the Robert Frost Statue Visitation Area

Al Rozycki, the classmate currently leading the efforts to convince the College that improvements are necessary to the broader area surrounding the Frost statue, which had now become seedy and unsafe. Ron Wybranowski and Maynard Wheeler have joined Al in the effort. Amanda Addington is also assisting us in our effort. Al and other '61s, in response to Al's earlier email to the College's administration requesting a face-to-face meeting, met with Ryan Ford from Alumni Relations to discuss Class' proposal, request the College's approval of the proposed renovation, and possibly ask for some assistance in the funding required to complete the project. Some of the improvements recommended include one or two sitting benches, a "mending wall" (tie-in to the Frost poem being addressed by Frost on his bronze writing tablet), a flatter ground area in front of the Frost statue, and a better-defined path leading to and from the statue area.

At the meeting, Al learned that the Class of 1973 recently had submitted a preliminary proposal to beautify a significantly wider area of College Park as a significant class project. As a result, a suggestion was made for us to consider joining with the Class of 1973 and merge our much smaller and more focused project into their much broader and more substantial class project. Al and his committee will probably meet with members from the class of 1973 to see if a merger of two very different sized projects with possibly different timetables is feasible.

New Business

- 1- After some discussion it was agreed to continue with the currently approved process of donating \$100 to the *'61 Performing Arts Legacy* when a classmate or the spouse of a classmate passes away, rather than replacing the current payee with such Class donations going to the newer *'61 Robert Frost Endowed Class Project*.
- 2- Maynard mentioned the establishment by the Dartmouth trustees of a Presidential Search Committee to seek a new president of Dartmouth College, to replace current president Phil Hanlon who recently announced his resignation effective on June 30, 2023. The two trustee co-chairs of the search committee have requested that each class appoint one or two alumni members to participate in a few virtual early listening/discussion sessions with trustee members of the search committee to listen to their committee's projected preliminary goals and

objectives and to provide some early input into the process. These alumni will *not* be part of the 18-person search committee comprised of other “D” trustees, faculty, students, administrators, and alumni. Maynard will appoint the two representatives in the near future and prior to the sub-committee’s next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th.

The next class officers/executive committee teleconference will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at Noon (EST).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at 1 PM (EST).

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary