

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

April 13, 2022

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Gerry Kaminsky, Denny Denniston, Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowskyi, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Oscar Arslanian, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Mort Lynn, Jim McElhinney, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Dave Prewitt, Henry Eberhardt, Bill Collishaw, David Armstrong, Art Kelton, Gim Burton

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

(Copy to Doug Zipes, incoming member-at-large, '61 Executive Committee beginning in May 2022)

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

Maynard then noted that he had been informed by the '61 class secretary that the Minutes for the March 9, 2022 class officers/ executive committee virtual teleconference meeting had not yet been completed in time for this monthly '61 telecom so that submission and approval of those Minutes will be postponed until the May monthly '61 telecom.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that:

- 1- He had partially prepared but not yet completed the Minutes for March 9, 2022 class officers/ executive committee Zoom teleconference.
- 2- He had partially prepared the bi-monthly *Classnotes* column for the July/August issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM), due by April 28, 2022.

- 3- He had researched and begun to prepare the plaque inscription for the '61 *Special Classmate Award*, which will be presented to the selected recipient during the next '61 mini-reunion, to be held on May 27, 2022.
- 4- He and Don O'Neill had attended the new Presidential Search Committee's virtual listening and discussion group informal meeting with alumni concerning the search for a new Dartmouth College President.
- 5- He had written and submitted the Minutes for the D'61 Special Class officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference held on April 5, 2022., dealing with the criteria that the '61 class officers and executive committee members believe should be considered in selecting a new Dartmouth College President.
- 6- Finally, Vic communicated with several classmates, other alumni, and the College's administration dealing with alumni matters in general and the class of 1961 in particular.
 - (a) Mike Kirst biography project, both book and audio segments (via recorded interviews) moving along rapidly and should be concluded by year-end.
 - (b) George & Diantha Harrington made a "generous" gift to *Rauner Library* on behalf of the Class of 1961.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of April 11, 2022 totaled \$58,294, including \$53,175 in the Class's general checking account and \$5,119 in the Class's 60th Reunion checking account.

Class dues for the current fiscal year (unchanged at \$61) have been arriving steadily, primarily as a result of the two dues notice sent out to classmates. Including 5 dues pre-payments of \$61, the total dues collected and a to date for the current fiscal year total \$13,023, with a 50% participation rate. For the participation rate for the current year to exceed the 59% participation rate achieved for the prior fiscal year, another 44 classmates must pay their dues by June 30th.

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:

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| - '61 Performing Arts Legacy | \$1,096 |
| - Frost Legacy Project. | 2,072 |

- Other class projects (as yet undetermined) 2,681
- Total \$5,849

In March’s report, Ron then presented an analysis of funds received from classmate and friends of the Class for undesignated class projects during the past nearly 5 years to date less funds expended on previously undesignated class projects during that period, resulting in the remaining balance of funds currently available for new class projects going forward:

- Funds received from classmates and others during the past years for non-designated class projects, less funds expended on previously undesignated class projects during that period of time, and the remaining balance of unspent non-designated funds available for new projects as of 6/30/2021 = \$13,354 - \$4,000 = \$ 9,354 (See Minutes from 2/8/2022 telecom) \$9,354
- Add: Funds received during the current fiscal year (7/1/21 – 4/11/22) for non-designated class projects = 2,681
- Less: Funds expended on non-designated class projects during the current fiscal year, through 4/11/22 = none

Funds Available for New Class Projects (not designated as of 4/11/22) \$12,035

The aforementioned indicates that the unspent \$12,035 referred to above is available for use on class projects, either new projects or (presumably) currently existing projects if no satisfactory new class projects can be agreed upon. Note that the unspent funds include \$4,000 contributed by classmate Jim Baum and \$1,000 contributed by Virginia Rice Kelsey, a long-term friend of the Class of ’61.

Ron then reported that donations made 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
- Frost Legacy (voluntary w/ dues) 2,753
- Total \$7,155

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 of \$12,035 as of April 11, 2022 (referred to above) plus any additional unallocated funds contributed through the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2022, and thereafter and deemed available for a new class project or projects.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-head agent (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt) of our Class's DCF efforts, presented the '61 DCF report for the ten months of activity for the current fiscal year July 1, 2021 /June 30,2022:

- 1- A Class dollar goal of \$261,961 and a participation goal of 72% was finalized for the Class's fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
- 2- The Class's donation base at the beginning of the fiscal year was 431 classmates; it is now 413, due primarily to the passing of members of the Class during the current fiscal year.

Harris reported that as of April 13, 2022, the Class of 1961 had received credit for \$326,093 in DCF donations and firm pledges, exceeding our class goal for the current fiscal year of \$261,961. Also, as of April 13, 2022, the Class of '61 had fallen to second place among all classes in participation with 39.0%, which was 6.6% below the class in second place (1960), and 2.6% below where we were at this time last year. Personal thank you notes from Harris continue to be sent to all '61 DCF contributors.

Finally, Harris acknowledged Glenn Gemelli and Hop Holmberg for their usage of the Volt recording system during the prior few months, whereas usage of the VOLT system among most '61 class agents has been below par for the current fiscal year.

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

D'61 On-Campus Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the next virtual (via Zoom) mini-reunion will be held on May 27th, based on the finalization of the speakers, both classmate and non-classmate, and their availability. The program will be similar to the other '61 recent Class virtual mini-reunions, both in content (ongoing theme of classmates "roads travelled and less travelled" along with student presentations regarding their awards and honorariums received as a result of awards endowed by the Class of 1961), style (individual presentations followed by a comments and questions period), and in length (from 11:30AM – approximately 4:00PM). Again, the class was hopeful of having over 100 virtual attendees.

In addition, the Class will be presenting another *D'61 Special Classmate Award* during the spring mini-reunion and there will be several different roundtable discussion groups near the end of the program, including a special breakout session only for the '61 related women and sponsored by the '61 Women's Initiative Committee.

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 6 class website updates and 5 iModules emails, including 2 classmate death notices.

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: Art Latimer(classmate) and Doug Dodge (classmate). The class officers and class executive committee, upon behalf of the Class, has extended its written condolences to

the families of the aforementioned. Formal obituary notices, when available, are mailed 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 will be contributed to the *'61 Performing Arts Legacy* in honor of each such deceased person.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class newsletter editor, reported that he was planning to prepare and, with the assistance of Harris McKee, publish a third edition of the '61 class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year in June, 2022.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Al Rozycki, Class BTS co-chair with David Armstrong, reported that the Class has 75 BTS members. The Class of '61 is ranked 10th among all Dartmouth classes and 2nd among all Dartmouth classes from our decade of the 1960's. According to prior 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

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, reported that that they are planning a '61 women's initiative group virtual breakout session at the Spring mini-reunion planned for May 27, 2022. The carve-out virtual roundtable women's discussion group was scheduled to be held during the time period allocated for the several other afternoon discussion group sessions and moderated by the two WIC co-chairs. Nyla had sent out an email in March to the 10 active WIC committee members for a team virtual meeting to be held to discuss interesting and timely topics for discussion during the "D" women's breakout session.

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

Spring '61 mini-reunion to be held on May 27,2022. Vic will again draft the inscription for the recipient's plaque.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Vic Rich, co-chair of this committee with Denny Denniston, reported that this multi-year project has been revised to include significant updated information arising through April 2022. The final draft of this awards archive booklet has also been delayed due to other unexpected "D" related involvements by Vic and by some personal issues during the past few months.

Alumni Council D'61 Representative Report

Don O'Neill, the class' current representative to the Alumni Council, was planning for his attendance to the Spring 2022 semi-annual Alumni Council meeting. To date, he was not aware of any Alumni Council issues of substance other than the formation of a committee to search for and recommend the selection of a new President of Dartmouth College prior to the end of the next fiscal year (June 30, 2023) and hopefully much sooner than that.

Proposed Improvement of the Robert Frost Statue Visitation Area

Al Rozycki, the classmate currently leading the Class's efforts to convince the College that improvements are necessary to the immediate and broader area surrounding the Frost statue, which had now become unattractive, seedy and unsafe. Ron Wybranowski and Maynard Wheeler have joined Al in the effort. The goal is to obtain several repairs and improvements at a reasonable cost, hopefully with some financial assistance from the College to cover certain repair and maintenance related costs for work which should have been done by the College in the first place. Some of the improvements recommended include one or two sitting benches, a "mending wall" (referred to by Frost on the statue's 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.

During a brief meeting with the College administration concerning the aforementioned, Al was advised that the Class of 1973 recently had submitted a proposal to beautify and improve a much wider area of College Park as a significant '73 class project. As a result,

a suggestion from the College's representative was for us to meet with and possibly join with the Class of '73, merging our much smaller and more focused project into their much broader and more substantial class project. Al and his informal committee met with members from the class of 1973 to see if a merger of the two very different sized projects with possibly different timetables for completion was feasible. The Class of '73 agreed to consider including the two class projects together, with bifurcation into two or three separate site areas to be considered. The Class of '73 representatives told Al that they would discuss the idea of joining their projects together, at least in part, and would get back to Al within several weeks. Al has not yet received a response from that Class.

New Business

No new business was brought up specifically for discussion, other than to recommend how our Class could have some input into what attributes the Presidential Search Committee should consider and in what order of importance. To be done.

The next class officers/executive committee teleconference will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Noon (EDT).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:50 PM (EST).

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary