

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

November 9, 2022

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Armstrong, Al Rozycki, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Hop Holmberg, Doug Zipes

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Don O'Neill, Henry Eberhardt, Bill Collishaw, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Art Kelton, Jim McElhinney, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Invited Guests: Patrick Crim (attended); Vince Wilson (unable to attend)

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, because of some personal issues, the Minutes for the prior few months class officers/executive committee virtual telecom meetings 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 December monthly '61 telecom.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that:

- 1- He had partially prepared but not yet completed the Minutes for the September and October 2022 class officers/ executive committee telecom.
- 2- He had prepared the bi-monthly *Classnotes* column for the January/February 2003 issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM), due by October 28th.
- 3- 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.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of November 9, 2022 totaled \$55,954, including \$51,751 in the Class's general checking account and \$4,203 in the Class's Reunion checking account.

Class dues (unchanged at \$61) for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, including \$453 from the prior fiscal year, are as follows through November 9, 2022:

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| Dues paid in advance | \$ 453 |
| Dues paid during the current fiscal year | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 453</u> |

In addition to the dues being collected for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, many classmates have made and continue to make additional contributions designated to support various class projects through the years:

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| - Carryover balance for class projects as of July 1, 2022 | \$12,429 |
| (includes funds for the '61 Performing Arts Legacy, The Frost Legacy Project, and for "unallocated" class projects) | |
| (includes restricted contribution of \$4,000 from Jim Baum '61 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, which is anticipated to be allocated for improvements to the Frost statue area during the current fiscal year) | |
| - Contributions received during the current fiscal year for The Frost Statue Improvement Area Project | <u>2,000</u> |
| Total | <u>\$14,429</u> |

The only new class project approved for the current fiscal year is for improvements to enhance and expand the area surrounding the Frost statue located in College Park. The total '61 cost projected for this '61 capital project is approximately \$85,000. All of the projected costs for the Frost statue improvement project are expected to come directly from voluntary contributions, primarily from classmates, during the current fiscal year. \$48,000 has already been pledged to date by individual classmates, leaving an estimated remaining balance due of \$37,000. Contributions should start coming in during December, when the initial dues and contribution request notice is received.

If necessary, an additional \$10,000 will be requested from unallocated accumulated class funds (rather than from voluntary contributions from individual classmates).

Major expense categories for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 to date are as follows:

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| - Fall mini-reunion expenses in excess of fee revenue | \$ 211 |
| - Dues solicitation and class newsletter mailing costs | 547 |
| - Web software | 619 |
| - Plaques and honorariums | - |
| - Dues processing fees | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,377</u> |

Donations made by the Class during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and to date through June 30, 2023:

| | <u>F/Y/E</u> <u>6/30/22</u> | <u>F/Y/E</u> <u>6/30/23</u> |
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| - "D" Athletics Dept. | \$2,500 | \$ - |
| - '61 Performing Arts Legacy (in memoriam*) | 2,000 | - |
| - '61 Performing Arts Legacy (voluntary w/ dues) | 1,464 | - |
| - Frost Legacy (voluntary w/ dues) | <u>2,375</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$8,339</u> | <u>\$ None</u> |

(*represents donations by the Class in memory of each classmate and spouse of each classmate who passed away during each fiscal year ending June 30th)

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-head agent for our Class’s DCF efforts (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt), presented the '61 DCF report to date for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

- 1- A Class dollar goal of \$261,961 and a participation goal of 70% was finalized for the Class’s fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- 2- This past month was spent reviewing the willingness of classmates to serve as DCF class agents going forward and classmate assignments for the current fiscal years.

- 3- VOLTX, a revised and updated version of VOLT, the DCF volunteer on-line DCF solicitation and communication tool, was recently released by the College for usage by all class agents. Harris and the '61 DCF team promoted and supported this effort and is working with Amanda Addington, who has been appointed the point person from the College to prepare a new manual for VOLTX.

D'61 On-Campus Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that going forward the Class would produce three "Hy flex" (hybrid) mini-reunions per year. The first was held in October 2022, the second will be held on February 21–23, 2023, and the third will be held in May 2023 (date not yet finalized). Each of the formal mini-reunion sessions will last approximately 3.5 hours and will also be held virtually on ZOOM.

In order for classmates wanting to attend live on campus the popular October 2023 mini-reunion and needing difficult-to-get hotel/inn/motel rooms, Pete announced that the mini-reunion for next Fall will be held on October 7-8, 2023.

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 approximately 16 class website updates and 20 iModules emails, including the obituary and memorial recording for Dartmouth President Emeritus Wright, the obituary notice for deceased classmate Arthur Bloom and class artist updates for Pete Holbrook (deceased) and Terry Rogers.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month only one classmate, Arthur Bloom, and no spouses had passed away, or the Class had not yet

learned of their passing. Where appropriate, the class officers and class executive committee, upon behalf of the Class, would extend its written condolences to the families of deceased classmates. Formal obituary notices, when available, are 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 will be contributed to the *'61 Performing Arts Legacy* in honor of each such deceased person, in accordance with established class policy.

Newsletter Editor's Report

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

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair with Al Rozycki, reported that the Class currently has 76 BTS members. Dave mentioned that some additional classmates appear to be close to joining, but not there yet.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Neither Nyla Arslanian nor Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, were able to attend this month's meeting at the last minute and no report was submitted. However, Nyla had reported that they were preparing a brief article for submission to the upcoming issue of the '61 class newsletter, due to be published in early December.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that the committee, consisting of Dave Prewitt, Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, and Vic Rich, were in the process of discussing viable and deserving candidates for the *'61 Special Classmate Award* to be presented at the February 2023 hybrid 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 is being revised to include significant updated information arising through June 30, 2022, and thereafter. The final draft of this awards archive booklet has also been

delayed due to other more important unexpected “D” and D’61 related involvements by Vic and Denny and by some personal issues regarding Vic during the past year plus.

Alumni Council D’61 Representative Report

Don O’Neill, our class’s current representative to the Alumni Council, was absent from the meeting but had noted that a three-page summary of the Alumni Council Report for the Alumni Council meeting held over the weekend of October 21-23, 2022 was due out very soon.

Proposed Improvement of the Robert Frost Statue Visitation Area

Al Rozycki, the classmate currently leading the Class’s efforts to promote improvements to the immediate and broader area surrounding the ‘61’s Robert Frost statue located in College Park, reported that the improvements are necessary and desirable, because the area had now become unattractive, seedy and unsafe. Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, and Ron Wybranowski have joined Roz in this effort.

The previously mentioned projected cost for the Class of ‘61 Improvements is expected to be approximately \$85,000, all or most of these funds to come from contributions from classmates, the estates of deceased classmates, widows of classmates, and friends of the Class. At this point, no more than \$10,000 is expected to be solicited from existing class funds already received and allocated to current and future class projects, whether specified or not. This Frost statue and surrounding area improvement project and the funding thereof, after discussion was informally approved unanimously without any dissent.

Roz and his committee are working with the Class of ‘73 (which also has a Class project to improve the College Park area) and the College to:

- 1- Divide the area within College Park to be improved between what the Class of ‘61 and what the Class of ‘73 will each be responsible for improving.
- 2- Determine which improvements the Class of ‘61 deem to be most necessary and desirable versus those improvements which could be deferred or even eliminated, if necessary, based on insufficient funds received.
- 3- Obtain from the College a fixed total cost to improve the two allocated areas in College Park and a definitive allocation of those costs between the Class of ‘61 and the Class of ‘73. As of now, the total cost to improve the entire College Park area is

- . projected to be approximately \$170,000, with the projected allocation between .
 - . each of the two classes to be approximately \$85,000 each.
- 4- Determine with the College the detailed breakdown of the work to be done and the related costs between the work to be done and costs allocated to such specified work.
 - 5- Determine what funds are available within the Class now and how much of those funds can be appropriated for this project now and what funds can be raised by the Class from classmates (including widows) and friends from the Class by June 30, 2023. Pledges from classmates totaling at least \$48,000 are already committed.

Roz, Maynard, Pete and/or Ron are scheduling to meet again with members from the Class of '73, a selected architect, and an appropriate representative from the College in the near future to discuss further the aforementioned project and the costs involved.

A drone flyover of the area of the '61 segment of College Park to be improved will be available for viewing in the near future.

New Business

- 1- Ron Wybranowski, as Class treasurer, recently received a thank you note from Kimberly Shaw '26 for the Class of '61 funding of her athlete's recruiting visit to Dartmouth sponsored by the Alumni Sponsor's Fund to which the Class contributes \$2,500 each year.
- 2- Al Rozycki, living in Hanover and having other sources for the receipt of info on what was, or was not, happening at "D", will forward to class officers and executive committee members that which appears to be viable.

The next class officers/executive committee telecom will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Noon (EDT).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:55 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

