

## **Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee**

Minutes from Meeting of July 14, 2007

Zimmerman Lounge, Blunt Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: Clark Wadlow, Gerry Bell, John Engelman, Bill Rich, Ron Weiss, Mike Lenehan, John Everett, Dennis Donahue, Greg Marshall, Peter Fahey, and David Peck.

1. President Clark Wadlow called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
2. The **minutes** of the meeting of April 28, 2007 were apparently not created, and therefore prompted no corrections or objections.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Weiss distributed a copy of the Class of 1968 Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2007, noting revenue of \$54,984.60, and expenses of \$40,860.74. Assets at end of this reporting period were \$80,156.67. He noted solid performance of the Vanguard mutual fund. Net assets increased over \$14,000 for the past year, with most of the growth in the mutual fund.

Ron also reported on the status of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift, accompanied by a handout. We are at approximately \$325,000 raised to date, which prompted considerable discussion that the pace of donations appears to be lagging.

- a. Peter Fahey said we just have to ask, and ask for a lot. Be clear we are not competing with the Dartmouth College Fund.
  - b. A good time for a push is between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, a timeframe not in competition.
  - c. Greg Marshall suggested having Jack Noon lead a trip to the College Grant; a second idea was to have him autograph his upcoming book and have classmates obtain a copy in exchange for a donation of \$500 or more.  
**John Engelman and Greg to followup with Jack.**
  - d. Peter will contact Hank Paulsen "at the right time".
  - e. **John** to include a progress report on the gift status in the next class Newsletter.
  - f. It was agreed major pushes should be made at both the 40<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Reunions.
4. **40<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift:** The Reunion Giving Committee should meet between November 1 and December 1, and should let the entire class know that they have all kicked in. Peter suggested an approach where each member should state that they plan to give 5 times their normal annual gift, to give a great impetus to the 40<sup>th</sup> gift. See further discussion below.
  5. **Head Agent Report:** Bill Rich provided an update to the Committee:
    - a. 362 donors (58.1% of the class) donated \$433,116 for the 2006-2007 College Fund. Goals for the year were 61% participation and \$461,000.
    - b. He reported some frustration that we were so close to 61%, and also noted that there were 15 unpaid pledges, which would well have raised both

participation and actual dollars. Each of the unpaid pledges had been followed up by emails and phone calls.

- c. Peter reported overall the Dartmouth College Fund did very well, raising \$35 million (up 15%) and 54% participation (up 3.2%). For next year, overall goal will be \$40 million and 60% participation.
  - d. It was agreed to organize a kickoff meeting of the Reunion giving committee, aiming for August 29 in New York City, at the offices of Sidley Austin at 787 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Conference callin would be encouraged for those who can't attend. Suggested attendees include Scott McQueen, Bill Chrispin, Clark Wadlow, John Engelman, Bill Rich, Peter Fahey, Row Weiss, John Preotle, Linc Eldredge, Gary Horlick. **Bill and Clark to followup on details**
6. **Secretary's Report:** David Peck reported nothing new on this front, repeating the continuing commitment to a column in every Dartmouth Alumni magazine. John noted that there have been two recent 1968 deaths, for which obituaries will need to be prepared (Scott Wadler, George Gosline)
7. **Newsletter:** John Engelman reported the next Class Newsletter will go out in August 2007. It will include a status report on the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift (see above) and, after discussion, a directory of classmates. **Inclusion of the directory was voted and supported.**
8. **Alumni Council:** Bob Block was absent, and Clark noted that his term has expired. John Engelman remains on the Alumni Council as a representative from the Athletic Council. He reported that the Trustees have set up a Trustee subcommittee to study Board of Trustee size, manner of election and appropriate percentage of alumni. Given the emotions involved in the recent elections, he hopes that the Trustees will include one or more of the petition-elected Trustees. Meanwhile, John also noted that the Alumni Council is following up on some of the structural suggestions Bob reviewed at the January meeting, supported by the Executive Committee.
9. **Communications:** Clark announced with some satisfaction that Jim Lawrie has set up a class website, located at web1.greatbasin.net. At this point it is a framework, not yet populated with content yet, and has not yet migrated to the Dartmouth server. Suggestions for content include: past newsletters and an electronic green post card (from John Engelman), past Exec Committee minutes and Alumni magazine columns (David Peck), info on upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion, minireunion info (Miek Lenehan), skitrip pictures (Gerry Bell), PhiDelt jukebox (Peter Fahey), 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday pictures, info on 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift (Gerry Bell), and Class Directory (John)  
  
**John** to learn more from Blunt on how to add or delete info from the Listserv
10. **40<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** John Everett reported on status. He attended a workshop in April for Reunion chairs.
  - a. He has put in for the new Fahey Dorm. It had been used by the 67's.

- b. Reunion will be running from Monday June 9 through Thursday June 12.
- c. We plan to have a supplemental early day Sunday June 8 at Mooselauke, with separate fees to the DOC.
- d. John to check with Ed Heald, past reunion chair, on the demand for local hotels in lieu of staying in the dorm. We may need to reserve some rooms at local hotels.
- e. He noted there will be considerable amount of College programming for lectures, discussions etc. Class programs need to include time for a class meeting, memorial service (Arnie Resnicoff suggested as leader), and a principal class dinner with speaker(s). Suggestions for speakers include John Rassias, and others.  
Other program ideas include Ina Garten (the Barefoot Contessa), wine tasting in nearby Vermont (Peter Rutledge, a local teacher), Art at the Hood.
- f. Clark noted that a nominating committee will be needed, to recommend officers for the next 5 years. Volunteers for the committee requested, communicating to Clark by this fall.
- g. Gerry suggested a theme of "Life Begins at 40". Logo suggestions remain welcome.
- h. Dick Olson, editor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion book, communicated by email, requesting that a representative from each fraternity be delegated to push participation in the book

**11. Mini-reunions:** Mike Lenahan reported:

- a. For **Fall 2007 Mini-Reunion**, the weekend of October 19 thru 21 was endorsed, with a class dinner at the Queechee Club suggested by Cliff Groen at a past meeting. We may pair up with '69's. Executive Committee meeting will be held Saturday morning, followed by 'tials at AD.
- b. **Class Ski Trip** will be at Whistler, March 1 through 8, 2008.

**12. Planned Giving:** Dennis Donahue reported. The Bartlett Tower Society now has 20 classmates enrolled, up from 14 a year ago. He hope to get everyone on the Executive Committee to be part of this group, which names Dartmouth as a beneficiary in a will or insurance policy.

**12.** Next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Hanover on October 20, location and time TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Peck  
Secretary