

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

Minutes from Meeting of January 26, 2008

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

In attendance: Clark Wadlow, Gerry Bell, Ron Weiss, Bill Rich, Mike Lenehan, John Everett, Joe Grasso, Peter Fahey, John Engelman, Dick Olson, Jeff Hinman, Greg Marshall, Patsy Fisher (guest) and David Peck.

1. President Clark Wadlow called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He also thanked Bill and Faith Rich for their hospitality the prior evening.
2. The **minutes** of the meeting of October 20, 2007 were approved as distributed in advance.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Weiss reported \$89,208.55 in current assets. Since October, there had been revenue of \$23,835.79 and expenses of \$11,595.40. He also reported that the value of the Class of 1968 Student Orientation Fund (our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift) currently stands at \$406,139.97.
4. **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift:** Gerry Bell repeated his observation from prior meetings that the pace of donations still appears slow. However, a target of \$1 million by 2008 \$2 ½ million by 2013 (5 years before our 50<sup>th</sup>) remain reasonable goals, with an expectation of accelerating gift giving as we approach the 50<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Head Agent Report:** Bill Rich provided an update to the Committee:
  - a. Goals for the upcoming reunion year were 61% participation, 379 donors, and \$2,000,000 gift.
  - b. As of this meeting, \$155,000 is in hand (up from 2006) from 154 donors (25% of the class base). Participation is consistent with other reunining classes, but the dollars are a little low. With pledges, the total is approximately \$500,000. Bill is optimistic on achieving the participation goal, less optimistic on the achieving the dollar total. Peter Fahey suggested a conference call to the Reunion Giving Committee...target during the week of February 18. **Bill** to followup the Janet Rosa to organize
6. **Secretary's Report:** David Peck reported his continuing commitment to a column in every magazine, with concurrent posting to the class website.
7. **Newsletter:** John Engelman reported that the next class newsletter would go to the printer in the following week. He intends to include 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion news, and will add a note on the nominating committee and call for volunteers. He also noted that he is the keeper of the Listserv, while Jim Lawrie remains as Webmaster.
8. **Alumni Council:** John Engelman also reporting from the December 2007 meeting. Among changes proposed for the Alumni Council includes that every class will have a representative, that positions be elected rather than appointed.

To that end, until the new Alumni Council constitution is ratified, we should elect a “Councilor in Waiting”

9. **40<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** John Everett reported on status.
  - a. Gerry Bell has volunteered to serve as Treasurer.
  - 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. Considerable discussion and suggestions for activities:
    - Memorial Service is suggested for Tuesday afternoon. Patsy Fisher to check if Rollins Chapel would be available. Music should be included. David Peck to organize classmate singing of Dartmouth Undying, and perhaps other songs.
    - Add classmate and sculptor Roger Arvid Anderson to the program. Pieces of donated art at the Hood.
    - Add classmate Dan Butterworth (a renowned puppeteer)
    - John Rassias will be featured guest speaker at the class dinner.
  - e. Jeff Hinman and John Engelman proposed that the Class adopt Don Pease into the Class. They provided a background handout on his distinguished teaching career. In addition, he has been involved for years in the alcohol/addiction class, now open to graduate students as well as undergraduates. The Class for years helped support the class, which has since been funded by the College in recognition of its importance. **The Executive Committee unanimously endorsed the nomination.** It was suggested that John include this proposal in the next newsletter, and if no objections, it would be considered approved by the Class.
  
10. **40<sup>th</sup> Reunion Book:** Dick Olson reported:
  - a. 400 responses so far; deadline is closing but he'll give one more push. He thanked everyone who has helped solicit responses.
  - b. Cost will be approximately \$50 per book. Costs are higher than expected due to declining exchange rate with Canada.
  - c. Frank Molloy is working on pictures from our time in college, in a parallel project with the book.
  - d. It was suggested that a list of books written by classmates be included. David Peck will check with the Alumni Office and Alumni Magazine to see if such a list exists.
  
11. **Mini Reunions:** Mike Lenahan and Gerry Bell reported:
  - a. **Class Ski Trip** will be at Whistler, March 1 through 8, 2008. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these ski trips.
  - b. It is suggested that Banff or Bugaboo (also in Canada) be a future destination.
  - c. Greg Marshall suggested working with Jack Noon to organize a Fall 2008 visit to the College Grant, in late September.

d. Fall Minireunion: Holy Cross (weekend of October 18) or Harvard (weekend of November 1) were suggested. Decision to be made at April Executive Committee meeting.

**12. President's Report:** Clark reported that Gerry Bell, Dennis Donohue and Joe Grasso have volunteered to serve, with him, on the nominating committee to offer candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Alumni Council at the 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion, to serve for the next 5 years. John Engelman will add a call for volunteers and nominations in the Newsletter, as noted above.

**13.** Next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Hanover on April 26, 2008. Details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Peck  
Secretary