

Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee

Minutes from Meeting of May 19, 2018

Zimmerman Lounge Meeting Room, Blunt Alumni Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: Peter Fahey, Bill Rich, Gerry Bell, Dave Walden, John Engelman, Ed Heald, Hugh Boss, and David Peck in person; David Gang, Jim Lawrie, Joe Nathan Wright, and Peter Wonson, (by phone).

1. President Peter Fahey opened the meeting and welcomed those attending in person and by conference call.

2. **Report of the 50th Reunion Czar** (the principal standing agenda item):

Gerry Bell provided assorted planning updates:

Attendance:

- Right now, 209 classmates and 156 guests have registered for at least some of the Reunion, for a total of 365. An additional 50 to 60 had indicated they planned to come, and it is hoped will register over the final weeks before the start of reunion.

Speakers/Events:

- The Vietnam Panel is very heavily subscribed.
- Bill Zarchy will be covering the 2nd Wonson presentation.
- In general, there are no other changes in who is doing what.
- **Who Are You:**
- Over 200 classmates and their partners have participated, at least in part.
- There is a strong feeling that the Who Are You questionnaire should reopen after Reunion, to encourage both more classmates and more women to participate.
- Dave Dibelius has been impressed with the quality of the essays; he is planning to cut and paste and compile the collected essays for sharing with both classmates and the Class of 2018.

Special Interest Programs:

- Having them videotaped is still a work in progress; it is hoped they can be videotaped in some way for later posting on YouTube and eventually our class website.
- Monk Williams courage award will be given remotely since Monk is confined to Manchester NH. Arrangements for video are being explored.

Finances:

- Dave Walden reports “scholarship” attendees include 2 widows and approximately 5 classmates or guests. The costs of these subsidized attendees could be born by Reunion attendees only or by the Class as a whole. **It was moved by Ed Heald, seconded by Gerry Bell, and unanimously voted that these subsidy costs be born by the Class Treasury.**

- With registrations running somewhat below the hoped-for attendance, so far, David reported “we need more revenue”; lower attendance means both less income but also somewhat proportionally less cost. Overall, no major financial issues.

Virtual Art Gallery:

- David Peck reported that he had checked out the option of renting a 65-inch TV or using the built in laser projector in Occom Common (which would be at no cost to the Reunion), and recommends the high quality Occom Common system. Working with Jim Lawrie as technical editor, the Virtual Art Gallery has 19 participants, and the plan is to run an ongoing slide show of the images throughout the reunion and to post the Gallery on the Class website before the Reunion begins. There is also consideration to accept more images for the Gallery, on the class website, after the reunion.

3. **Dartmouth College Fund:** Joe Nathan Wright and Peter Wonson reported the 2018 goals are of \$2,500,000 and 57% participation (386 classmates, out of a base of 679). As of now, \$1,966,894 has been donated from 273 classmates (40%). We need another \$533,106 and 113 classmates to meet our goals.
 - Peter Fahey noted he is working with 4 classmates who have yet to donate, with an expected donation of \$544,000, so he is confident we will exceed our financial goal.
 - Peter Wonson noted that we still have 88 classmates who gave last year but not yet this year; it is hope most will come in this giving year. In addition, we already have 95 “multiplier gifts” in hand, where this year’s donations are triple, or more, of the value of prior year’s gifts. In a usual year, 25 to 30 classmates give gifts of 4 to 5 figures; this year we have 123 classmates who have given in that range.
4. Bill Rich provided his report on the status of the **50th Reunion Gift** fundraising. As of now, gifts as of April 30 have a book value of \$1,157,120 and a market value of \$1,658,100. He continues to hope we will get to \$2 million. Peter Fahey noted it will be good to have a “crisp” number to report at Reunion.
5. **Bequest/Planned Giving Planning:** Ed Heald reported our Class has a documented total of around \$12 million in bequests. Peter Fahey noted that our comprehensive total gifts (DCF, Freshman Trips, Bequests and other dedicated gifts such as scholarship endowments, the professional schools and Dartmouth athletics) should be the largest in College history.
6. **Directory:** John Engelman has been working with Angela Stafford to create a 2018 Class Directory, in the same format as the one created at our 45th reunion. He noted that the Who Are You responses have included emails that the College otherwise did not have. The Directory will be part of the Welcome Package. One question discussed: shall the Directory be sent to all classmates, not just given to those who attend. It was decided that

the Directory would be made available electronically to all classmates, with a note to all that a hard copy can be requested and mailed to them.

7. **Succession Planning:** Peter reported that after consultation with past Presidents and other officers, and moderate cajoling and arm bending, a slate of officers has been developed, to be presented at the Reunion Class Meeting:

- President: David Peck
- Vice President: Roger Witten
- Secretary: Dick Olsen
- Newsletter: Mark Waterhouse
- Treasurer/Webmaster: Jim Lawrie
- Head Agent: Parker Beverage
- Planned Giving: Ed Heald
- Mini Reunion Chair: Bill Rich
- Alumni Council (thru 2019): Hugh Boss

8. **Officer's Reports:**

Mini Reunion: Gerry Bell reported on a host of past and future activities, including:

- a. Okemo Skiing (past January, and January 2019): First time in twenty years of ski mini-reunions that someone got hurt (Burt Quist, broke knee, now recovered)
- b. Budapest River Cruise (April) (organized by Bill Rich): Attended by 18 people, including the Schneiders, Blairs, Silvermans and Winters, as well as Bill and Sylvia, plus a '65, a '79 and a "lady he met on the train"
- c. Hanover/Harvard weekend October 26 thru 28. John Engelman has lined up Dowd's Family Inn again for Saturday evening dinner, as well as pregame tailgate gathering on the AD lawn.
- d. Ed Heald has organized a Golfing mini-reunion at Streamsong in Florida, November 5 thru 8; this will be a change of pace from Bandon Dunes in Oregon.
- e. April 28, 2019 the Bunkhouse at Phantom Ranch has been booked by Dave Dibelius, for another Class Grand Canyon hike.
- f. Western Skiing next year will be 3/3-9/19 at Beaver Creek, Colorado.
- g. Early thinking about a 75th Class birthday...perhaps at the Broadmoor in Colorado, other suggestions included Santa Fe, Houston, Asheville...suggestions welcome!
- h. Peter noted we should perhaps consider future mini-reunions that are more intellectual (example: theater night) as we will be less physically able.

Website: Jim Lawrie reported our class website had 269 hits in April, our highest ever. He did add the cautionary note that the 3rd highest number of hits came

from Nigeria! **The Executive Committee unanimously commended Jim for his job updating and building the class website.**

Treasurer: Jim reported the status of Class financials: a healthy total balance of about \$200,000 even after expected reunion expenses.

Newsletter: Dave Gang reported that 3 newsletters were produced for the year, which qualifies the class for consideration for recognition by the College. The page total for the three newsletters was 68 pages, an interesting coincidence! Dave plans to meet with incoming Newsletter editor Mark Waterhouse in the near future and pass along files, ideas, and InDesign template, in case Mark would like to use it. **The Executive Committee unanimously commended Dave and Roberta for their job in creating and producing attractive newsletters over the past years.**

Secretary: David Peck reported steady as she goes: always some pulling teeth to get news, but no deadlines missed. Also, thankfully, no recent obituaries needed.

Class Connections: John Engelman reminded all that there is a planned shared barbeque with the Class of 2018 at Collis on Reunion Friday at noon. **Based on a suggestion from Peter Hofman, it was agreed that our Class of 1968 would donate to the Class of 2018 the College on the Hill book which we had received, at our graduation, from the Class of 1918.** After further discussion, it was suggested our Class make a donation to the Dartmouth College Fund in the name of the Class of 2018, our gift to be proportional to the number of '18 classmates who have donated so far. The amount of the gift to be researched by John Engelman, based on what other 50th reunion classes had done in the past. **It was moved by Ed Heald, seconded by Dave Walden, and unanimously voted to make a donation to the Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) to support the Class of 2018 participation. Amount TBD pending research by John Engelman.**

Alumni Council: Hugh Boss had attended a meeting earlier in the day. He noted the presentations were focused on the recently kicked off Capital Campaign, which has a goal of \$3 billion. Other discussion included how well the new "House" system is working; that the new housing system is not an attempt to do away with the Greek system, and that consideration of expansion in the undergraduate enrollment has been deferred (but not abandoned).

9. **President's Report:** Peter Fahey noted that there will be a Class Activity Report due July 31. All Officers will be asked to fill in their part, for accomplishments this year, and he noted that the incoming officers will be encouraged to enter some of their goals for the upcoming year. Next Executive Committee meeting will likely be at the Harvard weekend mini-reunion in late October (see discussion above), to be confirmed by the new Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

David B Peck
Secretary