

MINUTES: DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1968 MEETING, 5/30/2020

Zoom session called to order by President David Peck at 10:04 AM EDT.

Attending: Parker Beverage, Peter Wonson, Roger Anderson, John Engleman, Peter Hofman, Norman Silverman, Ron Weiss, David Walden, Roger Witten, Peter Fahey, Mark Waterhouse, Jim Lawrie, Joe Nathan Wright, Cedric Kam, Tom Stonecipher, Jack Hopke, Bill Rich

Pre-agenda comments by Rich re: internships and Dartmouth grad in investment banking business. Details from Fahey.

Peck seeks review of abortive meeting of 5/23/20. Hopke summarizes:

Meeting begins at 10:00 with 6 attendees. There are technical difficulties connecting other members. Meeting is ended at 10:15 for re-set. More members are added. Minutes of last meeting are approved. Class project (Douglass bust) is addressed by Anderson. Waterhouse discusses Vietnam project. Wonson discusses Community Service Project. Meeting is ended again by Zoom at 10:40. Re-start at 11:02 with 6 attendees. Anderson discusses commissioning of music. Meeting is aborted by host at 11:15, eventually rescheduled for 5/30.

5/30 agenda is initiated with suggestion by Wonson that class consider establishing a Class of 1968 Hall of Fame for fellow graduates who have contributed greatly to their community at large as well as to the Class and the College. He cites 3 other classes as precedents. Comments ensue from Engleman, Fahey, Witten, Silverman, Hofman. Most, generally positive comments propose refinements, definitions, categories. A few cautions mention concerns about discouraging non-nominees and about repetition of previous awards. A great deal of research will be required. Waterhouse proposes establishing a committee to study the issue. Idea accepted. Wonson invites volunteers.

Dartmouth Fanfare competition idea is raised for discussion. Possible allocation of \$25,000 would be spent at \$5000 per year, if competition runs full-term of five years. Anderson has been discussing project with director of Dartmouth Wind Ensemble, who is enthusiastic. Kam regards the aforementioned Brian Messier very highly. College and Hopkins Center authorities are supportive. We're awaiting approval from Commencement staff. Questions/discussion of structure of competition and compensation are raised by Waterhouse, Weiss, Lawrie, Silverman, Peck, Stonecipher, Beverage. Who decides winner? Could we have a decision in 3 years (instead of 5) to coincide with our 55th reunion? Who owns the rights to the piece? (Should be the College, via contract.). A committee to include Anderson, Kam, and a few others with music or business experience is proposed and approved. As a side comment, a suggestion is made to include information about all the Class's proposed and ongoing initiatives in the Newsletter.

Peck mentions a possible donation by the Class to the Hopkins Center for the acquisition of Native American art. We may return to this issue later in the meeting, if time permits.

Peck asks Waterhouse if the Vietnam Project needs another infusion of funds. Waterhouse informs that Ed Miller's work is now part of official course work, which students will have the responsibility of doing. Costs have thereby been cut, so if they need another infusion, it will not be immediately and it will not be in the \$10,000 range.

Next agenda item: proposed Class Constitution. President Peck notes that he sent out a copy to members and asked for comments. The subject of typographical errors is raised and we are assured we're covered in their event. Walden ("mostly humorously") wonders whether we need a class technology officer. Peck proposes adding the keeping of minutes of Class Committee meetings to the functions of the Class Secretary. General agreement follows. Peck moves for adoption of the revised Class Constitution. So adopted.

Alumni council: Stonecipher reminds that he sent out a summary of the most recent meeting. He adds further that it is a unique and perilous time for colleges and universities. Dartmouth alone stands to lose \$80,000,000 this fiscal year and projects a loss next year of another \$50,000,000. We must encourage all alumni to give funds directly and to provide internship and employment opportunities to our students, especially the Class of 2020. Beverage, Engleman, and others then engage on issues of admissions, financial aid, "gap years," the freshman trip, foreign study programs, and possible fall session scheduling (some of which have been at least partially resolved since the meeting).

Committee updates:

Alumni Council Representative Beverage addresses DCF and Call to Lead: We need \$91,000 more to reach our DCF goal, but we still have 95 more donors to go before the end of June to get to 50% participation. We are reminded that the Class agreed to match additional and new DCF donations up to \$500 to the Dartmouth Student Emergency Fund. That has resulted in our giving \$13,785 to the DSEF to this point, and we hope to reach the \$25-30,000 range by 6/30. Consideration had been given to raising the match amount to \$1000, but that possibility was rejected, primarily for administrative reasons. Re: Call to Lead: Fahey provides information about the effects of stock market fluctuations and has had contact urging the College to take advantage of significant recent resurgence, noting that it is the donor class that has been least financially affected by the COVID crisis. Beverage notes that any gift to the DCF counts as a Call to Lead gift.

Treasurer Lawrie: Current checking account balance is \$22,265, investment account balance is \$196,505. The latter is down about 20K from effects of the virus pandemic. We've brought in just over 22K in class dues, which is roughly 3K lower than at this time last year. Donations to the Freshman Trip Fund total almost \$3600. The bulk of our expenses comes from the Frederick Douglass bust class project. The Newsletter involves costs of between \$6-7000.

Website (Lawrie): Number of users is down just over 50% in last three months. Most hits: home page. 120 accesses of CSP. 57 went to stories page. Peck thanks Lawrie for hosting this Zoom meeting.

Gift planning: Ed Heald is not present for the meeting, but has informed Peck that he plans information for the next Newsletter.

Mini-reunion planning/Bill Rich: Status of October meeting venue (Hanover?) and activities is uncertain; golf outing later in the fall is sold out; 75th birthday gathering is in planning/proposal stages. Information has been sent regarding changes of Greenbrier schedule. Ski trip

at Park City, Feb. 27-Mar. 3 remains scheduled. Planning will take place in July for Eastern U.S. ski trip. Engleman mentions that, as of meeting date, football season is still to be played; a later decision about its status will be taken together with other Ivy schools about that and other fall sports. Dowd's is now closed; we will maintain contact regarding their Oct. 3 situation. There is a question about delivery time of the Douglass bust. After discussion, it is noted that it may be put in place at any time, with the actual dedication delayed until we can get to Hanover. Bill Rich now repeats his announcement about leaving the position of mini-reunion chair, based on family and work considerations. President Peck expresses the appreciation of the Committee and entire Class for the work Rich has volunteered over the past two years. Peck will publicize a solicitation for a successor.

Newsletter Editor Waterhouse: Deadline for next issue is August 15. After a mention of the amount of space allocated to obituaries in the last issue, Peck notes another: that of classmate George Cobb.

Secretary Hopke: Proposal is forwarded to consider establishing the position of Class Necrologist. Discussion ensues involving possible candidates, how to solicit candidates, and possible other names for the office. Peck will correspond with Hopke on this and will publicize the possible volunteer situation.

President Peck reminds officers with portfolios of due date of reports: July 30. Peck proposes another meeting, and the date of July 11th at 1000 EDT is agreed upon. A motion to adjourn is passed at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted for approval
Jack Hopke
Secretary