

MINUTES: DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1968 MEETING 7/11/2020

Attending via Zoom at 10:04 AM EDT call to order: David Peck (presiding), Parker Beverage, Peter Wonson, Roger Anderson, John Engelman, Peter Hofman, Norman Silverman, Ron Weiss, David Walden, Roger Witten, Peter Fahey, Mark Waterhouse, Jim Lawrie, Joe Nathan Wright, Cedric Kam, Tom Stonecipher, Bill Rich, Howard Anderson, Ed Heald, John Stomberg (guest); secretary Jack Hopke joins at 10:40; late arrival prompts postponement of review of May meeting minutes until future session.

Class projects are reviewed:

- a. Wonson presents re: Give A Rouse classmate recognition award. Criteria for the award, and nominating committee names and terms of service are presented. At the request of Rich, Wonson informs of publicity via class newsletter and website, also DAM class notes and direct mail to classmates. Engelman moves for acceptance, Wright seconds. Approval is unanimous.
- b. Anderson and Stomberg present re: Native American Bowl donation to Hood Museum. Stomberg describes the piece as a “masterwork” that will definitely add to Dartmouth’s growing reputation as an important repository of Native American art and artifacts. The bowl was probably made in the 1890s by a female potter, for use both as display and teaching device. Witten inquires about provenance of bowl; presenters inform of acquisition from a trusted dealer and that the object is clear of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act restrictions. Item will include class name on its display, and there could be an event to celebrate the gift. Walden notes origin with Zia Pueblo as opposed to Zuni, states there’s no religious content. Stonecipher, with Waterhouse second, moves and receives unanimous approval for \$15,000 purchase and donation to Hood.
- c. Kam, Weiss, and R. Anderson present re: commissioning of fanfare/processional at \$5000 per year for three years. Ron Weiss briefly discusses legality and royalty issues. We will work with new Dartmouth Band Director Brian Messier to identify composers and evaluate finished work. Noah Luna will work on year one composition. Class will retain approval and naming rights for selected pieces. There is a discussion about having three fanfares/processionals/invitations versus just one. Wonson moves for approval of process and expenditure, Silverman seconds, motion is unanimously approved.
- d. R. Anderson updates re: Frederick Douglass bust. It is to be completed by end of July, then sent to Hood Museum when it opens for shipments. Installation at Rauner and dedication ceremony will be scheduled in the future.
- e. Wonson expresses class’s gratitude to R. Anderson for the many project ideas Anderson has provided the class!

Alumni Council and College Updates:

Stonecipher compliments and thanks Heald for keeping all apprised of developments at the College. He offers that all information he may offer has already been presented to us in email

blasts from College leaders and representatives. He notes that there are still issues to be decided prior to fall term.

Engelman presents that the decision by the Alumni Advisory Board to suggest dropping certain sports teams was extremely difficult but a preferable alternative to cutting the budgets of all sports. Fall sports athletes will have the opportunity to add another term of eligibility. Fahey contributes that the possibility of cutting the number of football recruits is being considered by Ivy League presidents. (He supports the idea.) He also notes that the Friends of Dartmouth Swimming and the Friends of Dartmouth Golf will have their contributions refunded. Peck, Fahey, Heald and Engelman discuss possible funding sources for the golf course (private, municipal, College) and the facility's importance to the identity and environment of the area.

Committee Updates:

Beverage/Head Agent: Call to Lead Campaign has raised \$2.4 billion against \$3 billion goal. He thanks the members of the Committee, all of whom donated during the annual fund drive, some of whom gave a second time to elicit emergency matching funds. He also thanks Wonson for last minute work in helping Class of 1968 reach its fundraising goal of \$350K, which we exceeded by over \$100K. 333 donors gave to DCF, which lifted Class participation to over 50%. (Overall College participation rate goal was 40%, but only 36.8% gave.) Class donation to student emergency fund was over \$49K. Beverage also cites work by Walden, Wright, Fahey and others in making it an extremely successful year of giving on the part of Class of 1968. Since our 50th reunion year, the Class has raised \$3.8 million for DCF. (Next year's goals will be addressed at October meeting.)

Lawrie/Treasurer, Webmaster: At end of fiscal year, bank account has a little over \$21K, Vanguard investments managing a little over \$212K. Douglass bust has been paid for; still outstanding are costs of emergency student fund, Native American bowl, fanfare commission. Income and expenses by category: largest is class projects, then mini-reunions (including Greenbrier deposit), also newsletter and website hosting; class dues brought in \$22K, \$4K came as contributions to freshman trip fund. Class website hits are down about 50%, but duration is up commensurately. The site is being used to access CSP page, use of which is also down about 50%.

Beverage mentions that Committee needs to approve transfer of funds from Class treasury to emergency student fund. Motioned by Witten, seconded by Engelman and approved unanimously.

Lawrie requests authorization to spend up to \$1000 on development and security apps relating to website and CSP. Motioned by Hofman, seconded by Heald and approved unanimously.

Heald/Gift Planning: Heald has asked Bartlett Tower Society members for statements regarding their motivation to participate. He has received strong response and will provide one example to Waterhouse for inclusion in each issue of newsletter. Heald will also send an email this fall to each class member to highlight ways members may include the College in their estate planning. With regard to mini-reunion planning, Heald also mentions that the contract with the Greenbrier has been signed, and that the resort will send out contact information this fall. Heald anticipates cancellation of this November's golf mini-reunion at Bandon Dunes, but assures that the site has already reserved space for us next year.

Further mini-reunion matters: Peck anticipates not gathering in Hanover in October, rather meeting by Zoom. Peck asks for suggestions for new mini-reunion chair and class memorialist. Joe Grasso's name is put forward for the latter, and Peck will contact him. Several members endorse Grasso.

Waterhouse/Newsletter Editor: Deadline date for submissions is August 15, but he states he has already begun writing and formatting, because he has a wealth of information for the next issue.

Deaths of classmates;

Waterhouse: We already knew of George Cobb's passing, but now we learn of the death of Calvin Jones. Several members also acknowledge that Sandy McGregor is gone, as well. Sandy's friendships and generosity to the College, even in his final days, are lauded by committee members.

Other matters:

Peck: President reminds class officers that annual reports are due. He proposes Zoom meeting be scheduled for October 3, at which time annual dues would be set. He also raises a question about incomplete delivery of email blasts. Discussion points out that certain class members opt out of receiving emails from College entities and that part of the problem may center around AOL factors. Peck will investigate.

Adjournment at 11:49 AM EDT.

Respectfully submitted with special gratitude to David Peck and Jim Lawrie,
Jack Hopke
Secretary