

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1968 COMMITTEE; OCTOBER 3, 2020; via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: 10 AM EDT; David Peck, presiding

Attending: Peck, Tom Stonecipher, Norm Silverman, Ed Heald, John Engelman, Roger Witten, Bill Rich, Jim Lawrie, Parker Beverage, Roger Anderson, Cedric Kam, Ron Weiss, David Walden, Mark Waterhouse, Peter Hofman, Joe Nathan Wright, John Pfeiffer, Joe Grasso, Peter Wonson (via telephone).

MINUTES OF JULY 2020 MEETING: approval moved by Heald, seconded by Beverage; approved unanimously

OFF-AGENDA-Bill Rich presentation: Monk Williams is recovering from COVID, continuing to battle MS at home in Manchester, NH. Rich's partner's son reports situation very bad at Penn State and other schools. (Engelman reports food situation at Dartmouth is good.). Rich recommends story about Dartmouth 1970 college world series baseball team at Dartmouth Athletics website. Rich has a new hip which was designed by Dartmouth alumnus John Collier, whom Rich met recently.

FINANCIAL AGENDA/TREASURER REPORT-Jim Lawrie: Lawrie presents screen displays of accounts; \$9.4K in checking, \$171K in investments. Funds were transferred from Vanguard to pay for class projects, including approximately \$50K to student emergency relief fund. Historical records of dues collections are displayed, as are website costs. Waterhouse moves to reimburse Lawrie \$511.94 for website expenses, Heald seconds, approval is unanimous. Peck asks about athletic sponsor program, Engelman explains purpose of supporting recruitment trips, which are not permitted by Ivy regulations to be paid from College general funds. Heald moves to approve \$1000 expenditure, Walden seconds, approval is unanimous. Waterhouse inquires as to how many class members pay class dues, Lawrie says 300. Discussion ensues about keeping dues at \$75. Heald moves to do so, Weiss seconds, motion is carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL AGENDA/DARTMOUTH COLLEGE FUND-Parker Beverage: It was decided to keep goals at \$350K with 50% participation. Peck initiates a brief discussion, after which Heald moves to accept, Hopke seconds, and motion is carried unanimously. Beverage suggests comparing class dues donors with DCF donors, and he will work with Lawrie to determine overlap. Wright offers that overall alumni participation in DCF is 37% and that the Class of 1968 is performing extremely well at 50%.

FINANCIAL AGENDA/CALL TO LEAD CAMPAIGN-John Engelman: \$2.68 billion has been pledged toward a goal of \$3 billion.

FINANCIAL AGENDA/FRESHMAN TRIP SUPPORT-David Peck: Regarding our 50th reunion gift of support, Peck reports that a representative of the College was not available to speak with us at this meeting and that he has no news about the permanent appointment of a new director of outdoor programs. Peck will persist in pressing this issue.

PROJECT REPORTS/DOUGLASS BUST-Roger Anderson: The crate was delivered last week for opening on 10/9 at Rauner. The bust will be displayed on the mezzanine.

PROJECT REPORTS/ZUNI BOWL-Roger Anderson: The bowl will ship to the College Museum next week. The Museum is not yet open to the public, but individual students may be allowed access.

PROJECT REPORTS/50th REUNION BOOK-David Peck: Peck has sent the "Who Are You" book to Rauner.

PROJECT REPORTS/FANFARE COMMISSION-Cedric Kam: The first part of the commission payment has been made. The piece will be scored for full concert band, and it is hoped the piece will be ready for commencement (such as it may be) 2021.

PROJECT REPORTS/GIVE A ROUSE AWARD-Roger Witten, with Wonson on phone: Nomination deadline is 12/31, with an announcement of honorees in May, 2021. Witten encourages committee members to provide nominations and to spread the word to other classmates. Lawrie displays the award certificate on the screen. Waterhouse will write about the award in the newsletter. Six nominations have been received to date. Award commission membership will not be static.

PROJECT REPORTS/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT-Peter Hofman: Four new entries were received last month. There were originally 39 when CSP started one year ago; there are now 69, along with 26 viewers. CSP is adding another segment to include children and grandchildren of classmates, and new stories are being posted to the class website. Wonson offers kudos to Gene Mackles for logo design.

PROJECT REPORTS/NEW PROJECT PROPOSAL-John Pfeiffer: Pfeiffer follows up on Douglass Bust matters and the Woody Lee "Blacks at Dartmouth" work by suggesting that our class investigate further involvement with Dartmouth/African-American issues. He wonders if we could somehow help propagate awareness of the contributions of Black alumni. It has been suggested that Lee be present at the bust dedication, but efforts to reach him have so far not succeeded.

COMMITTEE UPDATES/ALUMNI COUNCIL-Tom Stonecipher: A Council meeting's coming up, and President Hanlon will address. Stonecipher solicits questions to present at the meeting. He is a member of the Council's alumni affairs committee, which is shifting its focus toward alumni learning, and Stonecipher invites class committee members to offer suggestions for possible courses and other presentations. Peter Hofman suggests contacting various accomplished class members for online learning content. The specific reference to Rhodes scholars is mentioned, and a discussion ensues regarding possible ways in which the College could foster candidates.

COMMITTEE UPDATES/MINI-REUNIONS-Norm Silverman: We hope to gather in May in Hanover for the Douglass bust dedication and in the fall at the Greenbrier. East and West ski mini-reunions are "up in the air."

NEWSLETTER-Mark Waterhouse: Deadline for submission for the next issue (January) is 11/30. He asks for photos to be included with content submissions. Numerous compliments are offered regarding the current *Transmission*.

SECRETARY-Jack Hopke: Hopke notes his one-year anniversary in the position and thanks committee members for the opportunity to serve a very dedicated group of men.

MEMORIALIST-Joe Grasso: He will circulate obituary notices from the College to committee members and other classmates to solicit details. He receives suggestions from members about possible sources: *The Green Book*, 1968 *Aegis*, 40th reunion book, College lists. A suggestion is made that we consider oral histories and Ed Miller's Vietnam project is mentioned.

GIFT PLANNING-Ed Heald: Heald mentions citing Bartlett Tower Society members in the recent newsletter and that newsletters will henceforth highlight a member in each issue.

WEBSITE-Jim Lawrie: (Lawrie once again posts a display of usage). There's been moderate activity recently. The most-used pages have been CSP, 50th reunion, and obituaries.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS-David Peck:

Peck received an email asking whether the Committee wishes to advocate on behalf of restoring any discontinued athletic program(s). Engelman offers that decisions are quite firmly set and that advocacy will be useless. Waterhouse feels such approaches would be unwelcome. The general feeling is that we disregard the idea.

Peck received a thank-you from Ed Schneider for Peck's condolence letter regarding Schneider's home loss to a wildfire. After general consideration, it is decided Peck will write another, this time to be signed by all Committee members on behalf of the entire class.

Peck presents Peter Fahey's note of praise to the Dartmouth administration for their handling of College matters during the COVID pandemic.

Peck present information regarding his research of email blasts to determine why his messages go to only 491 classmates. He has learned that 678 classmates are "eligible to receive" class emails, but only 551 have addresses in the College system. 60 of those are not delivered.

It is mentioned that the College Provost's informative online session takes place every other Wednesday at 3:30 PM EDT at the dartmouth.edu site.

Peter Hofman offers a final, critical comment on the College's non-participation in the Sierra Club's sustainability survey and suggests Dartmouth is in an important geographic and educational position to contribute.

NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2021, 10 AM EST (Zoom)

ADJOURNMENT: Lawrie moves, Hofman seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 12 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Hopke, Secretary