

## Minutes

Dartmouth College Class of 1968 Meeting, May 8, 2021

Attending: David Peck, presiding  
Roger Witten, Vice-President  
Jack Hopke, Secretary  
Jim Lawrie, Treasurer/Webmaster  
Mark Waterhouse, Newsletter Editor  
Norm Silverman, Mini-reunion Chair  
Parker Beverage, Head Agent  
Tom Stonecipher, Alumni Council Representative  
Ed Heald, Gift Planning Chair  
Gerry Bell  
John Engelman  
Cedric Kam  
Joe Nathan Wright  
Ron Weiss  
Bill Rich  
Peter Wonson  
Peter Hofman  
Roger Anderson  
David Walden

Call to order, 10 AM EDT

Unanimous approval of February meeting minutes, with Parker B's correction of last year's Alumni Fund goal to \$350 K.

Give A Rouse program: Roger W. announces first awardees, including Gerry Bell, John Everett, Jim Frey, Sherwood Guernsey, Andy Hotaling, Jim Lawrie, Mark Nelson, Dick Olson, George Spivey, Ron Weiss, Michel Zaleski. John E. puts cost of each citation at between \$90-\$120. The awards dinner will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lebanon. Dinner will cost \$65; overall cost to the class will be about \$2500, including citations and dinners for each recitations and dinner(s) for each recipient. Dinner form and citation format are discussed. Reimbursement of \$500 down payment to Hilton by John E. is approved. Makeup of award committee is explained.

Bill R. speaks about Monk Williams's passing. He'll send information to Mark W. and Jim L.

Officer reports:

Parker B./Head Agent: Alumni fund goal is \$350 K, same as last year. We are now ahead of last year's total at this same time, with 217 donors and \$255 K. We're now messaging alumni who have given to non-DCF groups at the College, offering the incentive of donating matching funds up to \$100 to a Dartmouth entity of their choice. A transfer from class funds has already been approved for this effort. Jim L. wants to know if the gift recording office tracks non-DCF donations, so that he can determine how to write the transfer check(s).

Tom S./Alumni Council: Subjects to be discussed at next week's Council meeting include athletics, trips taken abroad, and diversity. Tom sent out a letter (edited by the College) that brought responses from alumni he'd never heard from before. Tom has joined the academic affairs committee. He invites suggestions for alumni learning courses. He explains the pathway for getting individual and group input through the alumni affairs committee to the trustees or directly to individual officers. David P. proposes that a forthcoming class seminar address group concerns of the class and that Tom S. transmit them.

Jim L./Treasurer, Webmaster: Total income for the year shows at \$78 K, but we need to subtract \$55 K we spent on Douglass bust, Zia bowl, and possibly student emergency fund. Class dues income is \$21 K. Expenses are roughly \$76 K, mostly in class projects, a little in newsletter and athletic sponsorships. We have just over \$26 K in bonds, \$184 K in stocks; total \$211 K. Ledyard accounts plus investments comes to roughly \$235 K. David P. explains the \$10 K gift from a non-alumna to our Blacks at Dartmouth project. In the last month, web use is lower, but over the past three months it's up 25%. Number one in visits was the seminars page, then Phyllis Hoffman's contribution to the virtual art page, then CSP, dues, and obituaries. CSP visits were up 575% over this time last year. David P. proposes establishing an assistant position or positions to Jim L.'s roles and advises soliciting suggestions of names on various portals and media. Report is approved.

Mark W./Newsletter Editor: The newsletter will go to the printer by the end of next week. GAR announcements will be the lead article.

Jack H./Secretary: Thanks to Peter Hofman, Peter Wonson, and Parker Beverage for helpful correspondence.

Gift Planning Chair/ Ed H.: Nothing new to report.

Mini-reunion Chair/Norm S.: Golf in Oregon looking good, skiing east and west, as well. 4 couples have signed up for Hawaii; we'll max out at 12 or 15. Greenbrier is set; Ed H. says reservations and deposits will be taken a year from now. Suggestions are made that publicizing the variety of activities beyond golf and tennis will stimulate interest. Norm proposes we start thinking about 2023.

Current projects updates:

Class seminars: May 24, music with Peter W.; June 5, Jerry Bell and Clark Wadlow lead baseball; then Tom Couser on preservation. Jen Sargent, Jim L., and Tom Couser will lead seminars in the fall.

Black Alumni Exhibit: Dave P. speaks of Woody Lee's and John Pfeiffer's work on the project, which could possibly coincide with our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion, and about the Douglass bust dedication, which could coincide with our second annual GAR ceremony. Dave W. is coordinating with Rauner. Roger A. is working on a book of photographs he took during the Douglass bust process.

Community Service Project/Peter Hofman: We have 27 viewers and 76 catalogue entries. He and Peter W. conducted four Zoom calls to solicit participation by people in various occupations. He offers assistance to any prospective participants.

Fanfare commissioning status/Cedric K., Roger A.: COVID has delayed progress for a year. The matter of commissioning a second or third composition is discussed. Cedric K. informs that Brian Messier does not want to consider more entries at this time. David P. proposes we revisit this issue at our next meeting.

#### Communications

David P. initiates discussion of the use of the class committee mailing list. The general feeling of the committee is that we don't have a problem with it now.

#### State of the College

Athletics and team coaches, also the status of the golf course are discussed.

#### Other business

Discussion centers on whether to have a seminar to discuss College issues, or to make such a discussion part of a class committee meeting. David P. proposes a separate session, to be scheduled for late July or August. Tom S. will coordinate topics.

Next meeting: set for July 17, 10 AM EDT

Meeting is adjourned at 11AM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jack Hopke, Secretary