

MINUTES: Dartmouth College Class of 1968 Executive Committee Meeting, Hanover, NH, May 14, 2022, 10AM EDT

ATTENDING: *In person*: Cedric Kam, Norm Silverman, Roger A. Anderson, Ron Weiss, Ed Heald, David Walden, Jack Hopke, Tom Stonecipher, Jim Lawrie, Parker Beverage, Joe Nathan Wright, David Peck (presiding), Peter Wonson, John Engelman, Mark Waterhouse, Gerry Bell, Dan Hedges, John Pfeiffer, Woody Lee; *Zoom*: Roger Witten, Bill Rich, Peter Fahey

AGENDA:

Minutes of 2/5/22 meeting are approved.

Schedule for today's activities is reviewed by David P: Douglass bust dedication at Rauner, reception in lobby, viewing of Class gifts at Hood, Give A Rouse awards dinner at Hilton Garden Inn.

Proposal presented by Gerry B. regarding establishment of an arts legacy fund to be distributed from Class treasury. What arts? How much money? (Started thinking \$150K) For how long? (15 years?) How to tap resources outside the treasury? Gerry distributes sheet of planning and fiscal considerations. A proposal is made to create an Arts Legacy Committee, and names of initial members are announced. A motion to create such Committee and appoint those members is approved. Other considerations: Funding principles and next steps are discussed. Who runs the committee? Should there be a budget committee? Who manages the budget? How do we publicize the effort and solicit participation from classmates outside the committee?

Dartmouth College Fund: Parker B. notes that we've raised over \$200K from over 200 classmates and that our dollar goal is within reach. We are still looking to reach our participation percentage goal.

Alumni Council: Tom S. states topics for next week's Council meeting, including Call to Lead, state of athletics, tour of West End, address by President Hanlon. Classmates may communicate concerns through Tom or directly to College administrators. As outgoing representative, he introduces his successor, Woody Lee.

Treasurer/Webmaster: Jim Lawrie displays financial data. We have \$17K in bank account, \$215K in investment accounts, total \$233K. (We lost money on the stock market.) Dues income is \$22K, expenses total about \$36K. Website saw increase in new usage of 45% from 7/21 to 5/22, but sessions per user has dropped, i.e., users are not going as deeply into site as last year. CSP is down in users, but has more sessions and sessions per user. Migration of website is in progress.

Newsletter: Mark W. reports that next edition will go to printer middle of next week. The personal stories are eliciting good response, and Mark solicits more.

Secretary: Jack H. reports he got more responses to his input solicitation emails this time, as well as compliments from T. D'Orsi at DAM for last entry.

Memorialist: Joe G. was unable to attend, but mentioned to David P. that he was frustrated with 250-word limit on obituaries and with the College's limited email notification of deaths to class staff.

Gift Planning: Ed Heald reports a continuing publicity effort, focusing the next round on charitable trusts.

Mini-Reunions: Norm S. compliments Gerry Hills on his great work on the Hawaii event. He suggests we re-orient our plans toward the less physical, more intellectual pursuits better suited to our age and interests. A couple of suggestions for future events are offered in discussion, including a Las Vegas theater-oriented trip and a whale-watching excursion. The Northampton performance of the *Vox Concerto* was a great success.

Greenbrier: Ed H. reports all plans are in place. To date 13 rooms have been reserved (20-26 people). Class costs involve expenses for lecturer, meeting room rental, bartender cost for 3 nights. Cutoff date for lodging reservations is August 20.

Fall mini-reunion: October 28-30, with Committee meeting Saturday, 29.

Current Projects:

Webinars: Peter W. mentions three scheduled for summer; 2 or 3 more could follow, then possible in-person reprise of presentations from 50th reunion at the 55th.

Fanfare: Cedric K. announces that it will not be performed at commencement due to COVID.

Proposal: Tom S. suggests we provide maple syrup for students' Pancake Night. After enthusiastic discussion, a motion is passed to present the proposal to Budget Committee at summer meeting.

Other matters/Dave P:

Class Annual Report: due end of August

Long-Range Planning: early 55th reunion planning (June 12-15, 2023)

Writing Program: Jen Sargent retires, sends best wishes; no substantive program changes

State of the College: John E says he's expecting new athletic director to be named soon; Lyme Road development on hold.

Adjournment @ 11:47 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Hopke
Secretary