

Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee  
Minutes from Meeting of February 11, 2017  
Zimmerman Lounge, Blunt Alumni Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: Peter Fahey, Bill Rich, Gerry Bell, Dave Walden, John Engelman, Ed Heald, Janet Rosa (guest), and David Peck in person; Joe Nathan Wright, Peter Wonson, and Hugh Boss (by phone).

1. President Peter Fahey opened the meeting, and welcomed those attending in person and by conference call.
2. Peter Fahey and Hugh Boss (by phone) reported that the Alumni Council through its Alumni Liaison Committee) is seeking input/comments/observations from classes about perceptions of the College. Pete Wonson added that DCF solicitors have heard of growing classmate concern about cost increases, administrative layers, the dampening of conservative voices on campus, and social justice issues. All members of the Executive Committee and classmates are encouraged to contact Hugh with their thoughts. He will then periodically summarize them to the Alumni Liaison Committee.
3. Report of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Czars (the principal standing agenda item):
  - a. Gerry Bell has been working with our College liaison Angela Stafford, who he notes is excellent. He is also requesting feedback from the Class of 1966 on successful, and less than successful, activities at their recent 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. One major piece of feedback is that the Reunion should be forward looking rather than nostalgia-based looking back. Gerry first distributed a handout with a discussion guide.
    - Meal Planning: Potential 10% discount if we use one vendor. He is getting the brochure from Bloods, who provided meals for the '66s.
    - Beverages: Use bottled beer, rather than kegs (no credit for not fully used). Bottles can be returned. Wine and beer and soft drinks planned; no hard liquor (not even in dorm rooms, per College policy). Open question is whether we buy our own locally or have shipped. It was noted that some wineries will prepare customized labels and engraving for the wine when ordered from the winery
    - Log/Souvenirs/Swag: Gerry requests Exec Committee input. Committee likes the current 68 logo. Souvenir suggestions include cane, tie. Avoid clothing that requires different sizes to order.
    - Panel Discussion: Hugh Boss plans to organize a discussion group on political correctness/social justice/diversity. Hugh hopes to invite several faculty members representing a diversity of political thought.
    - Speakers: Suggestions include Don Pease, Lee Coffin (new Admissions Dean), Andrew Samwick of the Rockefeller Center, and Tuck School Dean, Matt Saughter.

- Who Are You: Development of the software (authorized at October Meeting) is underway. It was available for viewing.
  - Music (Pete Wonson): Peter is the de facto Entertainment Chair. He advises that the Party Crashers (tentatively lined up group) start no later than 8:45 pm, as past experience demonstrated that a later start will lose classmate attention during their second set. It was also agreed that inviting the Aires or Rockapellas to sing at dinner is a distraction, and also pricey. However, this doesn't preclude having them at the Memorial Service as we did at our 45<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sidewalk Café: A successful initiative of the '66s. A smaller tent with comfortable chairs for small groups, conversation etc.
  - Dan Butterworth: Per Pete Wonson, Dan has agreed to something for and during our Reunion.
  - Class Photo: We will give right of first refusal to Eric Hatch or Warren Cooke, both very good classmate photographers to do our class photo, rather than the College photographer
  - Special Early Mailing: Planned for around April 1, 2017. This will call for attendance commitment, will include info on non-dorm lodging. It will also ask for special interest presentations.
  - Special interest further discussion: David Peck volunteered to solicit and organize an exhibit of classmate art and architecture. It was noted the College would find and arrange space for such a display. It was also noted that the Rauner Special Collections will have a gallery of photos from their archives of life at the College while we were in attendance.
  - Recruitment: Gerry noted that 156 classmates have already indicated an inclination to attend. Additional efforts will follow up with Ripley Society members and classmates who don't have email. Pete Wonson to assist with this push.
  - Early Budget Discussion: It was noted that some classmates might need some degree of subsidy in order to attend. They should be encouraged to contact Dave Walden directly, discreetly, and any support will remain confidential between classmate and Dave.
- b. Gerry also handed out a draft schedule for the Reunion Weekend, which will run June 7 thru 12, 2018. One particular open issue is where to have Saturday night dinner, which might need seating of up to 600 classmates and guests. Ideas include Thompson Arena, Leede Arena, Boss Tennis Facility and Leverone Field House.
4. Succession Planning: Peter again requested responses from current officers on whether they wish to continue after the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. He plans to organize a Nomination Committee of recent past presidents, including Clark Wadlow, Ron Weiss, Steve Calvert, and Joe Grasso.
5. Officer Reports:

- a. Mini Reunions: Gerry Bell reported that the Okemo Ski Mini reunion attracted 17 classmates and guests, that the upcoming Jackson Hole annual ski event has around 27 signed up, and the Grand Canyon Hike scheduled for April has 15 signed up, of whom about 8 will be hiking in and out. Bill Rich was asked when the next Danube/Hungary trip is planned: likely 2018, but not to conflict with the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.
- b. The next on-campus Mini-reunion will be at Homecoming, weekend of October 13-15, which will be the Yale Game (and Executive Committee meeting that Saturday morning)
- c. Class Agent: Joe Nathan Wright reported by phone. This year's Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) campaign this year is running about the same number of participants as last year at the same time (151) but running about \$30,000 behind last year. He asked everyone to push hard, use VOLT and send money!
- d. Peter Fahey noted that he will be working in the next several months to organize a Reunion Giving Committee, to run in parallel with, but not compete with, the DCF.
- e. Treasurer: Jim Lawrie was unavailable, but provided his Treasurer's Report by email: As of February 8, 2017, the checking account has \$8,631.20, and the Investment accounts \$201,814.36. Income from July 1, 2016 to February 8, 2017: \$35,340.76, and expenses \$31,342.76. Expenses included the \$15,000 toward the Who Are You project, \$5,000 toward class projects, and \$4,338 toward newsletter printing and mailing.
- f. 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift: Bill Rich reported that the fund had received \$68,000 during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2016. Total book value of our fund is \$940,928, and has a market value of \$1,304,993. He encouraged all Executive Committee members to continue outreach to classmates. He also suggested that we find out specifically about other potential uses of the fund's income over and above endowing the Freshman Trips, e.g., trail maintenance, loaner outdoor equipment etc. Our class should be able to prioritize among other needs, once the endowment purpose is accomplished.
- g. Newsletter: Dave Gang was unavailable to report. It was noted that the College helps pay for 3 newsletters per year, and that ramping up to a reunion year, the College supports 4 newsletters. The upcoming newsletter, expected in March, should include lists of a) classmates committed to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion (meant to encourage others to join them), and b) classmates for whom we do not have email addresses (urging them or friends to provide them).

- h. Secretary: David Peck reported steady as she goes, preparing the 6 Dartmouth magazine columns per year. He shared with the Executive Committee a summary of Survey Monkey responses to date, which will also be published in the next Newsletter. David also shared news that he had heard via email that classmate Pete Ginder had recently died of a heart attack in Anchorage, Alaska.
- i. Planned Giving: Ed Heald plans a report in the upcoming Newsletter and in an email to all classmates. He is planning to ramp up communications as we approach our 50<sup>th</sup>. Peter Fahey noted that the College, in the upcoming Capital Campaign, will count bequests from alumni over 65 toward the campaign totals.
- j. Class Connections: John Engelman reports that activities with the Class of 2018 are modest. He had hoped that during the '18s off terms in places like Boston, New York, DC etc. there would be gatherings of '68s and '18s, but nothing materialized. The President of the Class of 2018 has not returned a couple recent calls.
- k. Vox 8: Dave Walden reports that the groups have had 2 telephone conference calls. He also noted that the Alumni Office has decided not to support this initiative in the future. However, the Vox 8 representatives value these interactions, and plan to keep talking informally, especially as we all ramp up towards our individual reunions. He has been working with Beth Kelly, a relatively new administrator with the Alumni Office.

6. Next Meeting: 10 am Saturday May 20, 2017,  
tentatively in the Zimmerman Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

David Peck  
Secretary