

## **Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee**

Minutes from Meeting of October 13, 2012

Winship Conference Room, Blunt Alumni Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: Ron Weiss, John Engelman, Joe Nathan Wright, Gerry Bell, Bill Rich, Dave Walden, Ed Heald, Peter Fahey, Steve Calvert, John Everett and David Peck in person; Mark Waterhouse and Dave Gang by conference call; guest Janet Rosa.

1. President Ron Weiss called the meeting and conference call to order and welcomed everyone.
2. **Minutes Approval:** The minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2012, were approved as submitted.
3. **Head Agent's Report:** Joe Nathan Wright reported the results of the recently completed Dartmouth College Fund effort: we achieved only \$388,000, from 344 donors, which was 4 fewer than the prior year. The goal had been \$450,000. The principal difference between actual donations and goal this year was one donor counted on for \$100,000 only gave \$50,000.
4. **45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Giving:** Guest Janet Rosa noted that the record for 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift of \$1,782,000 was set by the class of 1964. Second place was \$1,600,000, set by the class of 1963. It was noted the Class of 1968 gave \$1,725,000 for our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift, so setting a target of \$1,700,000 or even breaking the record is certainly achievable. Peter Fahey volunteered to lead the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Giving effort. Bill Rich offered to serve as co-chair. Joe Nathan Wright and Dave Walden volunteered to serve on the committee, and other names were suggested for followup contact: Jon Newcomb, Hugh Boss, Roger Witten, Hank Paulsen, Bob Reich. First Reunion Giving letter planned to go out around December 1.
5. **45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Planning:** John Engelman provided an overview of current reunion planning; see attached draft outline for further detail. Our class tent would be located at or near the McGlaughlin Cluster. We will be celebrating our reunion with the Class of 1969, who will have an adjacent tent. Our dorm assignment has not yet been finalized. 45<sup>th</sup> reunions for two classes average 370 to 380 guests, but John estimates a turnout in the 320 to 350 range. A planned highlight of the reunion will be the Flagrant Neglect, a band of musicians from 68 and 69 being organized by Peter Wonson; the band is currently planning to play at Collis on Friday night. Bob Block is organizing a panel discussion with other MDs from our class and 69 to cover medical issues. Class Dinner will be at Alumni Hall, and include guest Harry Sheehy, Athletic Director, and the Aires.

First reunion mailing is anticipated to be sent around November 1.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

**Voted: to adopt the resolution attached to these minutes regarding the granting of signature authority for the Class's 45<sup>th</sup> reunion checking**

**account to John Engelman and David Walden.**

Open issues: A. Sin Tung Chiu, a concert violinist, may be interested in performing in a piano and violin recital, to be open to all reunion classes. However, the issue is both scheduling within the overall multi-class reunion and venue.

B. The planned Memorial Service does not yet have a leader: neither Greg Marshall nor Arnie Resnicoff are available.

C. It was suggested the Class adopt Harry Sheehey - John to investigate. (Note: John subsequently learned Harry had already been adopted by another class)

D. After review of a Class of 1942 Directory, it was unanimously agreed to include a Class Directory as part of our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion efforts. Consider including with our Newsletter and/or a separate attractive directory.

E. As a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift contribution, it was suggested that remaining Frank Couper memorabilia, and perhaps other donations, be auctioned during the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

F. Bill Rich discussed a planned donation of a lacrosse related painting, in memory of Robbie Peacock, during the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion, for possible location at Alumni Gym.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Lawrie was not available, but had provided a set of written reports, handed out to the Committee. The current checking account has approximately \$43,000. Stock investment totals approximately \$55,000 and bond fund approximately \$20,000.

**After discussion it was unanimously:**

**Voted: to move \$24,000 from the checking account to the investment portfolio: \$16,000 to stocks; \$8,000 to bonds.**

This move would still leave approximately \$20,000 in the active checking account.

7. **Athletic Scholarship Fund Donation.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

**VOTED: to make a contribution to the Athletic Scholarship Fund, at the same level as last year.**

8. **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift:** Bill Rich reported that the current fund status is \$661,908.67, which consists of \$515,217.95 in donations and \$146,691.42 in earnings. A solicitation letter is planned for week of October 16. Dave Gang will insert reminders of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift in each of future newsletters. It was suggested pictures from our Freshman Trips be put into the newsletters and John Everett volunteered to check Rauner for possible candidates for inclusion.

9. **Secretary's Report:** David Peck reported he continues to maintain the bimonthly columns with no problems to date, though sometimes news must be pursued. No new obituaries needed, thankfully.
10. **Newsletter Report:** Dave Gang expressed disappointment with College caused delays in getting newsletters out. He needs pictures, reports on fall mini-reunions, and Alumni Council reports (note: he confirmed he had the May report from Gerry Bell, which will go in next newsletter). He participated in a recent Webinar organized by Jennifer Casey which was quite good. He plans newsletters in November, February and April, which will help build momentum for the upcoming reunion.
11. **Mini-Reunions:** Bear Everett reported the plans for the balance of the weekend: tailgate at AD, game with Sacred Heart at 1:30 and 7:30 dinner at Queechee. Looking ahead, Dartmouth Night on weekend of October 27-28 (Harvard weekend) and he hoped classmates can be part of the Friday night parade before the bonfire. **Golf** in Oregon will October 29 through November 3; 20 classmates and friends are expected. The **Annual Ski Trip** for 2013 will be March 2-9, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, being organized by Larry Griffith this year. A **Virgin Islands** boating event is being planned for May by Norm Silverman and Gerry Hills
12. **Planned Giving:** No report this meeting.
13. **Nominating Committee:** Ron Weiss appointed Gerry Bell to chair the Nominating Committee, charged with developing a slate of class officers to be presented to the Class at the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Peter Fahey volunteered to serve as a member of the committee.
13. **President's Report and Old Business:** None
14. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Tentatively January 19, 2013 in Hanover. Location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Peck  
Secretary

Attachment: Draft 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Planning Outline:

## **45th Reunion** as of 10 13 12

### **Venues/Locations**

- Tent (McLaughlin Cluster, adjacent to '69 tent)
- Residence halls
  
- Friday lunch (DOC House)
- Friday dinner (Tentative, '53 Commons; perhaps Leverone?)
- Friday band (Collis Common Ground)
  
- Saturday lunch (Collis Porch and Patio)
- Saturday dinner (Alumni Hall)
- Panel discussion (105 Dartmouth, Moore Theater)
- Class meeting & memorial service (TBD)
  
- Sunday brunch (Class Tent)

### **Schedule**

- Thursday
  - Registration
  - Informal bbq dinner at tent
- Friday
  - Breakfast @ Class of '53 Commons
  - Registration continues
  - Lunch (DOC House on Occom Pond)
  - Class meeting & memorial service
  - Dinner w/'69s (Marco the Magnificent)
  - Band w/'69s
  - Tent activities
- Saturday
  - Breakfast @ Class of '53 Commons
  - Class meeting & memorial service ?
  - Q&A with Dartmouth President (Spaulding Auditorium)
  - Lunch (Collis Porch and Terrace)
  - Panel discussion w/'69s. Age Group Medical Issues (1:30 to 3:30)
  - Gathering on the Green (3:30-4:30pm)
  - Violin and Piano recital ? (5:00-6:00, very tentative)*
  - Class Dinner (Alumni Hall)
    - Aires (Siddarth Hiregowdara '16)
    - Harry Sheehey
  - Gathering on the Green (10pm to 11pm)
  - Tent activities
- Sunday
  - Farewell Brunch at Tent

### **Issues**

- Location of the Friday dinner
- Schedule & location for Class Meeting and Memorial Service
- Who will organize/conduct memorial service?