

Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee
Approved minutes from meeting of October 27, 2018
107 Dartmouth Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: David Peck, Bill Rich, Cedric Kam, Ed Heald, Mark Waterhouse, Dick Olson, Roger Witten, Gerry Bell, and Jennifer Sargent in person. Attending through Zoom teleconferencing were Peter Hofman, Jim Lawrie, Hugh Boss, Joe Nathan and Peter Wonson. Also, Sarah Baptie, managing director of the Dartmouth College Fund.

1. Class President David Peck opened the meeting and welcomed those attending in person and through Zoom

2. Tim Burdick '89, new director of the outdoor programs, discussed Dartmouth's student trip.

- The longest running student orientation in the country.
- 1080 students participated last year—90% of the student population.
- 25% of the students request financial aid which averages \$200 of the \$250 cost of the trip. Overall Dartmouth manages to provide an outdoor orientation for 1/3 the cost of Outward Bound.
- Bill Rich expressed the strong support of our class for the outdoor orientation program which he described as the core of Dartmouth, the program which makes Dartmouth unique.
- With an annual budget of \$275,000 our class endowment project for these trips will mean \$75,000 a year.
- Burdick proposed that our class money reduce the cost of the program from \$250 to \$200 a year.
- Burdick said he would add a page to the annual report to record how our class contribution is being spent.

3. Recap of the 50th reunion.

- Gerry Bell said he has debriefed the classes of 1969 and 1970 as they begin to plan their 50th reunions.
- David Walden distributed his reunion treasurer's report. We had \$169,330 in total revenues and \$171,558.81 in total expenses for a net loss of \$2,228.81 (paid for with funds from the Class general treasury account). We had 225 classmates and 172 guests who participated full time and another 10 classmates who attended part of the reunion.

4. Daniel Webster dinners

- Seniors have 3 Daniel Webster dinners to celebrate the impact the senior class has made on Dartmouth. Gerry Bell and other 68s attended to offer coaching. Attendance was not high this year—mostly foreign students.

5. Commencement.

- Bill Rich expressed his disappointment with "the lack of decorum" at the graduation with parents running up to take pictures, etc.

6. Who are you? The 50th reunion book

- The cost of the complete survey is \$125 for hardbound and \$108 for softbound. The cost of essays only is \$39 for hardbound and \$29 for softbound.
- MOVED, seconded and approved that the class buy 2 hard copies of the Who are you? reunion book to give to the college: Rauner Archives and the Alumni Center.
- MOVED, seconded and approved that the class keep the questionnaire and searchable responses active on our website (reachable from the 50th Reunion in Retrospect page or directly at <https://dartmouth68.org/whoareyou/>).

7. Class of 1968 endowment fund for orientation trips

- Bill Rich reported that the class endowment fund for the orientation trips has a market value of \$1,736,327—up from \$1658,100 reported at reunion
- Monk Williams made a contribution in July
- Contributions can still be made to the fund. It is an open fund.

8. Virtual art gallery

- We discussed whether to keep virtual art gallery going. Twenty classmates contributed art. And Jim Lawrie reported 300 hits since it was placed on the class website. We will continue the virtual art gallery and promote it in our class newsletter.

8. Class Treasurer's report

- As of October 16, 2018, the class has \$38,000 in bank accounts and almost \$190,000 in investment accounts
- We have collected \$13,740 in class dues from July 1 through October 16, 2018. More people are using Paypal to pay their dues.

9. Jennifer Sargent '68 report on student writing textbooks

- Jennifer Sargent, visiting assistant professor of writing, spoke about the financial challenge faced by some students with the cost of textbooks for the required first year writing class. The cost runs \$40 to \$50 a year and close to 40% of the students need assistance. After discussing how the class might help financially through our dues to alleviate this need, President Peck said it was the sense of the committee to support this and the class would make a formal proposal at a future class meeting.

10. Dues level

- MOVED and seconded and approved to keep dues level at current level of \$75 a year.

11. Class newsletter

- We publish three issues a year at a cost of \$2,000 an issue
- After discussing ways to reduce the cost, the board supported going to using a cheaper but slower system of mailing but continuing to mail everyone a copy.

12. Dartmouth College Fund

- The board agreed to go with targets proposed by head agent Parker Beverage: 337 gifts or 50% participation and a \$350,000 goal.

13. 250th anniversary of the founding of Dartmouth College

- Princeton game at Yankee stadium on November 9, 2019.

14. Future mini-reunions and proposals

- A golf mini reunion at Streamsong in Florida with Ed Heald. Nov. 5-8, 2018.
- Big East Ski trip in Okemo, Vermont, with Dave Dibelius: Jan 28-31, 2019.
- West ski trip in Beaver Creek, Colorado with Jim Lawrie: March 2-9, 2019.
- Boy's ski trip: Gerry Bell, March 20, 2019.
- Grand Canyon trip: Dave Dibelius, April 28-May 1, 2019.
- Homecoming mini reunion: John Engelman.
- Mini reunion in NYC in November 2019 featuring a variety of activities at the Dartmouth Club and Dartmouth football at Yankee Stadium.
- 75th birthday event in 2021. Gerry Bell suggested the Broadmoor Destination Resort in Colorado Springs. Bill Rich suggested a Hungarian wine tour.

15. Community service project database

- Peter Hofman and Peter Wonson proposed a class project of creating and supporting a database to support actions by classmates and spouses/partners to help communities in need.

16. Memorial Book project

- The class has fallen out of participation with the Memorial Book project of donating books in memory of deceased classmates.
- MOVED, seconded and accepted a resolution to spend \$640 for memorial books for 16 deceased classmates and to spend \$400 to establish a sinking fund to cover the \$40 per book cost for future deaths.
- Contact for Alumni Memorial Book is Tim Wolfe, 603-646-1805, tim.wolfe@dartmouth.edu

17. Athletic sponsorship

- MOVED, seconded and accepted a resolution to donate \$1,000 for an athletic sponsorship

18. Entrepreneurial network

- Peter Fahey called Dartmouth's entrepreneurial network a vibrant program. There will be a proposal for consideration at a future board meeting.

19. Alumni Council

- The next Alumni Council meeting is in a few weeks. Hugh Boss will report to the class after the meeting.

20. Dartmouth Bookstore closing

- The Dartmouth Bookstore is closing in December. Peter Fahey said he can't imagine a college town without a bookstore. He has written to President Hanlon about this but so far has not received a response.

21. Future meetings

- The next class officers meeting will be held in February 2019, at Mark Waterhouse's Cambridge House Brew Pub in Granby, Connecticut.

22. May 19, 2018 minutes approved

23. President Peck adjourned the meeting.