

Meeting Minutes

Dartmouth College Class of 1968 Executive Committee

February 6, 2021; 1000-1200 EST

Attending:

David Peck, President
Roger Witten, Vice-President/Give a Rouse Chair
Jack Hopke, Secretary
Norm Silverman, Mini-reunion Chair
Tom Stonecipher, Alumni Council Representative
Parker Beverage, Head Agent
Ed Heald, Gift Planning Chair
Jim Lawrie, Treasurer/Webmaster
Joe Grasso, Memorialist
Peter Wonson, Community Service Project Coordinator
Peter Hofman, Community Service Project Coordinator
Roger Anderson
Cedric Kam
Ron Weiss
Bill Rich
Peter Fahey (joins at 1100)
David Walden
Jerry Rinehart
John Pfeiffer
Burt Quist
Joe Nathan Wright
Phil Freedman
John Engelman (joins at 1118)

Minutes of previous meeting (10/3/20): Ed H. moves for approval, Tom S. seconds, approval is unanimous. Bill R. suggests use of first names in future minutes.

Dartmouth College Fund: Parker B. reports that we exceeded last year's DCF fundraising goal of \$250K by \$100K and had participation by over 50% of classmates. We contributed 50K to the student emergency fund. Goals this year remain the same. As of now we have collected \$120K from 167 donors. Strategy at deadline if we fall short of goals could include asking classmates who have given to non-DCF entities at Dartmouth to redirect or supplement those donations. Other suggestions will be solicited at May meeting.

Alumni Council: Tom S. mentions concerns he expressed to the Council regarding its report on the reinstatement of athletic programs. He also tells of the change of focus of his committee to alumni learning. He will email a solicitation for input regarding content of alumni courses of study.

Treasurer/Webmaster: Jim L. announces our overall total in bank accounts is just over \$214K; \$23 K in Ledyard Bank account, balance in investments. Income from class dues is \$18K. Expenses total \$68K for class projects, including student emergency fund, Zia bowl, and fanfare/processional costs. With other and recurring annual costs total output is \$72K. We transferred in \$55K from Vanguard Funds. Jack H. moves to approve \$690 reimbursement to Jim for costs incurred, Joe G. seconds, motion is approved. Website: 389 users since last meeting, mostly single-page access, average session duration is 90 seconds, most active pages are CSP, then dues & donations.

Newsletter: Mark W. signs in at 1102, briefly posts a correction to *Transmission* mention of Zarchy book meeting.

Memorialist: Joe G. discusses the College's criteria for acknowledging deaths and the resultant time lapse in publication of names.

Secretary: Jack H. sent out solicitation letters for Class Notes content and invites committee members to submit. David P. will propose to the College that an updated, hard-cover class directory be published, which would facilitate mail contact with classmates. Also, Jim L. has an updated class list which he will publish.

Gift Planning: Ed H. will put articles from Bartlett Tower Society members in each *Transmission* issue.

Mini-Reunions: Norm S. introduces Ed H. to speak about Greenbrier event. Ed's response from classmates is overwhelmingly in favor of delaying until next year, September 18-21. The committee unanimously endorses this move. Norm announces that there will be a fall golf outing in Oregon to begin 10/31/21. (All slots are filled.) There will be two ski trips in 2022. Also, Gerry Hills is looking into planning a Hawaii mini reunion in 2022. Charleston, Key West, Boston, and Durango have also been mentioned as possibilities for trips. (At 1118 John Engelman joins and says Dowd's wants a non-refundable deposit of \$1000 to hold a slot for a homecoming weekend dinner. It is decided to delay decision on the October meeting until May.)

Off-agenda: David P. announces changes to Alumni Relations personnel and procedures.

Off-agenda: Peter Fahey joins at 1105 to address two issues; first, the discontinuance and then reinstatement of five athletic programs. Title 9 considerations were cited as reasons for reinstatement, whereas they had not been cited initially in dropping the programs. A lawsuit against the College had been threatened. Reinstatement will force cutbacks across all athletic

programs. Peter's second issue involves his praise for the College's handling of the COVID crisis and his consequent pledge to increase his already substantial DCF donation by 50% this year. He hopes others will follow his example. A discussion ensues regarding the athletic department's actions and their possible effects.

Give a Rouse Project: Roger W. says a committee has been formed and procedures are in place. Recipients have been selected and will be announced in May, but presentations will not take place until October. Nominees for year two awards are now solicited.

Fanfare/Processional commissioning: Cedric K. informs that the work is 85% complete. It is hoped that it will be recorded in time to play at 2021 commencement. Current samples are played. Performance and royalty issues are discussed. The matter of ordering other submissions will be discussed in May.

Community Service Project: Peter W. notes that between 9/19 and 9/20 we had 66 projects entered in catalogue. We now have 70. We have 46 potential entries outstanding, and outreach currently targets those.

Zia Bowl/Frederick Douglass bust: Roger A. informs that the bust is now on display at Rauner. The museum has the bowl, which is yet to be put out for viewing. There is discussion of how to promote their presence. In connection with the bust donation, John P. has been in touch with Woody Lee and Rauner individuals about a presentation/exhibit/website entry on the history of Blacks at Dartmouth. All have been enthusiastic. 2022 or 2023 would be target dates. Projected cost would be \$5000. 2022 would also be the 50th anniversary of Black Alumni of Dartmouth. Their reunion could possibly coincide with the exhibit's opening and other spring activities---commencement, reunions, etc.---on campus. Peter W. moves to approve class expenditure of up to \$5000, Jim L. seconds, motion carries.

New online seminars: David P. announces scheduling of the first three.

Class directory: David notes that he has been researching publishing a new, hard-cover edition, and that it's a four-month process that would cost \$4200 plus postage, perhaps around \$5000 total. There is a discussion of publication date and announcement of source (class vs. College). It seems clear that we won't publish this year, and opinion seems to run toward pre-55th reunion publication.

Next meeting is scheduled for 1000 EDT, 5/8/2021 via Zoom.

Adjournment at 1211.