

MINUTES

Dartmouth College Class of 1968 Executive Committee meeting, 10/29/22

ATTENDING:

In person: John Engelman, Ed Heald, Dan Hedges, Jack Hopke, Cedric Kam, Dick Olson, David Peck (presiding), Norm Silverman, Mark Waterhouse, Ron Weiss, Roger Witten

Via Zoom: Roger A. Anderson, Parker Beverage, Peter Hofman, Jim Lawrie, Woody Lee, Tom Stonecipher, David Walden, Peter Wonson, Joe Nathan Wright

OPENING:

David P. declares meeting open at 10 AM EST and orders playing of class's commissioned fanfare.

MINUTES of 9/6/22 meeting are approved.

FRESHMAN ("FIRST YEAR") TRIPS:

Rory Gawler and Kellen Appleton report. Gawler thanks the class for our support and describes the vast impact the program has on the overall Dartmouth experience, its sizeable recent growth, and how it has served as a model for other schools. Appleton describes the structure of the (student-run) program, which is at full capacity (1050 out of 1180). She displays chart of types of trips offered (34), average cost (\$152), and application of financial aid (automatic). She mentions appreciable size (450-500) of non-first year student engagement and continued presence of outdoor activities for participants in all types of trips. Gawler credits our endowment with significantly reducing overall price of trips and with providing a stock of borrowable gear. He stresses that first-year participation leads to later volunteerism and attendant, individual educational benefits.

55th REUNION PLANNING:

John E. relates early schedule. Arrival Monday (6/12); the day is open until class dinner in evening. (Bloods Catering will supply this and all events.) Tuesday: breakfast for Tuck, Thayer, Med School alumni; others will have tickets (Wednesday, too) for 53 Commons; 9AM memorial service in Rollins; 10 AM address by President Hanlon; 12 PM box lunch; 1:30 PM class programming (tours?); 3:45 "back to class" event by College; 5PM, 1769 Society and Bartlett Tower group reception; 6PM dinner, location TBD (new AD address?); socializing at class tent after dinner, possibly with Better Days Band. Wednesday: possible address by Dean Scott Brown after breakfast; 10:45 class photo; noon lunch; 1:30 class programming (seminars?); 3:30 "back to class" by College; evening GAR awards dinner, possibly with Aires. Thursday: Lou's breakfast at tent. Noon departures.

Costs (based on 120 attendance): approximate total, including food, beverages, College head fee, work staff, souvenirs, entertainment=\$520/person. Dorm rooms will be available for rent. There is a discussion of accommodating single-day attendance and of providing financial support to prospective attendees, either by raising initial registration fee or through individual donations. It is resolved that the committee shall establish a 55th reunion checking account

with Ledyard Bank. John E. announces that Linc Eldridge is now on reunion committee in charge of registration, and David Cooperberg will handle outreach.

HEAD AGENT:

Parker B., after consultation with PCF leadership team, proposes 2023 DCF fundraising goal of \$1 million, with 50% class participation. Brief discussion, then committee vote of support ensue.

TREASURER EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS:

All are approved by committee.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Committee approves membership of Wright (as chair), Wonson, Fahey, and Beverage.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Bob Bonner is adopted as member of class after waiving of 60-day waiting period.

Woody Lee discusses background and content of proposed oral history project (unique to Dartmouth) about black students, after which allocation of \$5K from class Blacks at Dartmouth fund is approved to support additional student involvement, licensing fees, and other associated costs.

Tom Stonecipher proposes expenditure of \$1200 to provide students with NH maple syrup at Pancake Night during fall term. Adoption is unanimous.

Discussion of Jeff Inman proposal regarding class gift to Military Veterans Scholarship Fund in memory of Jim Wright reveals general feeling is that this is a matter for individuals. There is support, however, for dedicating the previously approved sculpture acquisition to Wright.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Alumni Council/Lee: There was much discussion at recent meeting of campus environment in wake of student suicides and COVID. New Dean Scott Brown talked about dealing with mental health issues. Several students addressed matter of increased stress. A tour of renovated Dartmouth Hall was given. President Hanlon summarized his tenure's accomplishments.

Arts Legacy Committee/Peck: The mission statement and potential projects have been announced.

Fanfare: Fourth iteration of fanfare/processional has been approved. A proposal to allot funds (perhaps \$5000) to videotape a Wind Ensemble performance in Mexico will be addressed at December meeting.

Give A Rouse/Witten: Nominations are solicited by December 31.

Community Service Project/Hofman: Next phase of project will move toward using its outreach and communications to encourage class members to tap into CSP resource base for information on expanding their service, also to opening viewer status in the catalogue to all interested classmates, partners, spouses, and children. Peck advocates for publishing CSP info in forthcoming 55th reunion catalogue.

Webinar review/Wonson: 1 more to come this year, annual total will be 9. 3 are scheduled for spring quarter (Lee, Bort, Wonson).

Investments: issue of mix of bonds vs. equities is to be referred to budget committee.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:58 AM