

Class of `69 Executive Committee Call - Minutes

Aug 19, 2015

President Mathias called the meeting to order, with 10 participants calling in.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes

All agreed minutes from the previous call were satisfactory.

2. Homecoming

President John opened the meeting by asking the status of the schedule and venues for events. Rick provided an email list of activities which can be used as a press release by our webmaster and newsletter editor. The current DAM column due in the editor's hands next Friday will not arrive in magazine form until after the Homecoming weekend so it is not helpful.

We will have a typical Friday night with an informal dinner at Molly's about 5pm, usually attended by 12 to 15 people which Rick reports has never been a problem for the restaurant. The parade will follow, then the lighting of the bonfire after which we retire to a room at the Hanover Inn which has been secured for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For Saturday morning **Paul will reserve the Tower Room in Baker and report to the Exec Comm when done** so Arthur Ferguson can do JSD signing our matriculation certificates. **Steve and Arthur will write a promotion for the ceremony to attract interest and will also print copies of the certificates and bring them to Hanover** where we will fill in the names of those participating. Following this ceremony a class meeting will be held at a location to be determined. After the football game Rick has reserved the Tom Bent House located near the Ledyard Canoe Club for our Homecoming dinner. **Paul will find a caterer to provide the food for this gathering.**

3. Class Connections

Since neither Dona nor Norman were on the call Rick reported all seemed to be in order for the matriculation gift giving program in September.

4. Class Officers Weekend

This September 18-19 event will be attended by President John and Andy McLane.

5. Mini-reunions

The brief discussion centered upon another Mets reunion which Peter Schaeffer volunteered to pursue by contacting Sandy Alderson about the possibility. (**Note** prior to writing these minutes Peter did contact Sandy and reported that Sandy regrettably declined as the team was so successful being Division leaders in the Pennant race none of the usual boxes were available. Sandy did say he would try for next year. He received many emails from classmates thanking him for his generosity, wishing him and the Mets well and saying we understood the reason for this years' absence.)

6. Class Activity Report

There was no discussion but John attached a copy of this report which reveals many interesting insights to the class in total and the activities of the various class officers during the year. It is a worthwhile read.

7. Adopted Women Status

John reported his ongoing discussions of this topic with the College and the three classes involved. He said there is little progress by the other classes and the president of '71 is balking at any forward movement. John proposed the Class Officers Weekend as a deadline for action from the three classes. If nothing substantial is forthcoming at that time he sees NO (his emphasis) downside to action on our part to adopt the women involved. He feels the problems presented by the three presidents are imaginary and it is a simple procedural matter. He would like the class to agree to send a simple letter offering membership to each of the women and upon their positive response or lack thereof the class of '69 will adopt those in favor. This will remain an agenda item for future conference calls.

8. Lifelong Class Partnering

John has attached a full explanation of this program and feels the action needed now is to name a representative from our class to pursue this. He and others proposed Norman Jacobs and **John will approach Norman about this opportunity.**

9. Newsletter Report

Allen was not in attendance however he emailed his regrets and said the last newsletter he sent emptied his basket of stories so he is awaiting more from classmates and events like Homecoming to produce the next edition.

10. Class Agent Report

John Myers had great news and a corresponding congratulatory letter from the College about the success of last year's campaign. The class of '69 exceeded its goal raising \$339,139, nicely above our \$300,000 target. It appears most impressive that he and his group were able to come within a hair of our participation objective of 42%. By the end of June, 41.2% of the class had made contributions. All applauded John, Bill and Tom's efforts and resulting success.

11. Treasurer Report

Since our last meeting Paul has received no income and wrote a \$1,000 check which means we have about \$140,000 in our account.

12. Other business

There was no other business discussed so John adjourned the meeting. There were three action items from our July call which were not addressed so as a reminder I will post them here.

A. Since Dona and Norman were not present we could not receive a report on the progress of their preparation for the Grant project with the '19's. We can only hope all went well and we will hear a review next call.

B. Paul is to report on various pricing options of the 50th reunion book.

C. John is finding a company to transfer the *Daily D* archives for us.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Larson, Secretary