

## **Class of '69 Executive Committee Call - Minutes February 3, 2016**

President Mathias called the meeting to order, with the following participants present: Allen Denison, Arthur Fergenson, Andy McLane, Bill Stableford, Dona Heller, Jim Staros, John Leavitt, John Myers, Peter Elias, Sandy Alderson and Steve Larson

### Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous call were approved.

2. 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion roll out planning

The class wide spring event, possibly a 69<sup>th</sup> birthday party is still under consideration so any suggestions are welcome.

Work on the Reunion Book is progressing and although he was not able to be on the call, David Prentice submitted the following email:

*The Book has made some tentative first steps. I have designed a new layout (unique and quite different) and am still tweaking it. We have discussed and made some lists about content. Dud has even used his contacts to get a ballpark printing estimate, though we are a long way from being able to spec the job. However, it does show that the numbers are pointing in the right direction. I have run up a trial balloon on the questionnaire for our Classmates, and I am awaiting comments from the Committee on that and some other issues. We are thinking of getting it into classmates' hands early in the year 2019.*

3. Class Connections

Norman, Rick and Dona met with the class of '19 Council and representatives from the College to discuss an April 9 event to be held between members of both classes. Planned is a Trivia Night with topics being both general knowledge and Dartmouth questions. Dona reported Collis Center is the proposed venue accommodating 160 people in 20 tables with light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages available. At least two '69s

per table would be necessary to make the evening work. She would like commitments as soon as possible from any of us planning to attend.

Dona further reported communications are being established with the '19s to ensure RSVP for this event and even enable contact using their Facebook page. Our connections team is coordinating with the College Life director, Jennifer Casey and the Collis Center assistant to establish this communication network and help us develop a four year program for the Connection.

#### 4. Mini Reunions

Arthur's proposal for a Hudson Valley gathering in June or July drew considerable enthusiasm and received the necessary five people committing to establish the dates, define the events available and disseminate the information to classmates to encourage attendance. Those indicating a willingness to participate are Peter Elias, Norman Jacobs, Bill Stableford, John Leavitt, John Mathias, Arthur and me. There will be email communications among this group in the coming days to establish dates and schedules for activities.

Stabes reminded us he and several basketball cohorts will be meeting this weekend for a mini involving two Dartmouth games.

Dale Christensen has asked Sandy Alderson and Russ Granik to participate in a meet and greet event in NYC at a restaurant or private club in the coming weeks and both were receptive. Sandy assured us he would try to put together another Mets reunion sometime this summer before the demand for tickets becomes as great as last year's run for the Pennant. Of course we all hope he will be unable to do it late in the season for the same reason as last year.

#### 5. Class Agent Report

John Myers reports we are well on our way to the \$350k goal for this year with over \$181k in cash and pledges. Our class participation is very good, well above the College's numbers to date. Last year we had 42% participation and are seeking 50% this year; plus we are emphasizing any size donation from classmates; just participate.

Bill now has 21 of 23 fraternities with solicitors.

6. Newsletter Report

Allen says there is not much news currently so we should not expect another edition until late spring. John Mathias suggests we discuss an outreach program for the widows of our classmates given the increasing number of deaths from our group.

7. Webmaster Report

Peter sent all of us a comprehensive email regarding problems with the website and said he would do his best to have it back up this month. In discussions it was decided Peter will provide a cost estimate for outside help to facilitate website restoration and present it to the Executive Committee for approval by an email vote.

There was additional talk of utilizing Twitter and Instagram as connection vehicles for the class.

8. Daily 'D' Project

Will be addressed when the class website is back on line.

9. Adopted Women Status

President Mathias has been in contact with Martha Beattie who is fully supportive of our efforts, grateful for what our class is doing to bring these women proper recognition and has given approval for us to formulate a plan to accomplish this objective. John is working on that plan and will report next meeting.

10. Treasurer

Absent (likely with Dudley and Willets frolicking through the Caribbean on a cruise ship – a full accounting of his expense will be requested upon his return).

11. Other business

Jim Staros will forward a diversity initiative signed by President Hanlon today to all of us.

There being nothing further to discuss, John adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Larson, Secretary