Class of 1965

Minutes

October 10, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:45AM at Pierce’s Inn by President Bradley. Also present were Atkinson, Beattie, Frederick, Gonnerman, Griffiths, Hansen, Murphy, Webster, and Wittreich.
2. Mark Sheingorn has resigned as Treasurer, and George Wittreich has agreed to resume his former position as Treasurer. As a result of the transition, there is no detailed financial report available at this time. George expects to be able to provide a summary in two weeks. We do have in excess of $100,000 currently on deposit in Ledyard National Bank, in addition to $322,000 with the college in our class scholarship fund. Of our cash balance, two amounts are earmarked for specific uses:

* $20,000 was set aside for our 55th reunion, now moot. Should we redesignate this for our 69th reunion, to underwrite a portion or all of the costs to attend (mindful of potential tax consequences), repurpose it for something else, or fold it back into the general fund?;
* $10,000 is set aside for class projects, a subject we need to revisit.

1. Kudos to Mike Gonnerman for setting up a highly successful weekend, our first in-Hanover meeting in two years. COVID wreaked havoc with our normal programs of meetings (like many things) and the main source of our get-togethers the past two years has been the class breakfasts organized by Bob Murphy in several locations; these have been both remote and actual, as appropriate. Several other opportunities for class functions were discussed:

* A spring training baseball game visit will be arranged pending COVID regulations (Murphy);
* Monthly class breakfasts in other cities/areas should be investigated (NYC a live possibility);
* A winter Class of 1965 cabin weekend/hike will be scheduled (Gonnerman);
* A series of quarterly Zoom presentations will be scheduled, with one suggested presenter being Trustee Jim Frank (Bradley);
* Out of area minis will be investigated, with Seattle and Chicago mentioned as possibilities (Bradley).
* Two dates were set. First, we decided on October 1, 2022 for next year’s fall mini (Penn game), as preferable to October 15 (UNH) or October 29 (Homecoming with Harvard). Second, the traditional summer meeting at Webster’s will be on July 12, 2022.

1. The subject of class contributions was more complex than normal, as no such contributions were made last year. An initial proposal to “double-up” on our normal levels was finally rejected and replaced with a plan to contact our beneficiaries to determine their needs and expectations. Potential recipients, historical amounts, and follow-up assignments are as follows:

* 1965 Cabin $2,500 Gonnerman
* Athletic sponsors 1,200 Frederick
* First year trips 1,000 Bradley
* Library 500 Bradley
* Native American Awards 500 Gonnerman

Don Bradley will contact the college to request a list of potential class projects, ranked by financial size, for us to consider.

1. Communications were also hampered by COVID. On the plus side, Class Notes in DAM (Bob Murphy) and the revitalized Newsletter (John Rogers) have been consistent and well-received. On the “to-do” list, Don Bradley will reinstitute the quarterly e-mail program, possibly with a PowerPoint format, as well as the previously-mentioned quarterly Zoom presentations. He will also put together a calendar for the coming year. It was agreed that the class website needs a refresh, which Don will discuss with class webmaster Stu Keiller.
2. Jennifer Hardy, although she handles a number of alumni classes, seems favorably disposed toward 1965 and has been extremely helpful. She is the rarity in alumni affairs in that she is not an alumna. To show our appreciation we plan to adopt her as a class member. In the same vein, Cindy Pierce Lingelbach and her husband Bruce have been excellent traditional hosts for our class at Pierce’s Inn. We will plan to adopt them as class members as well.
3. Our Dartmouth College Fund performance under Joel Sternman was strong in financial terms, raising $570,000 against our goal of $465,000. Participation at 37.5% was not particularly good, however. Bartlett Tower Society membership remained even at 65 class members, against our goal of 75.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM, with swag gear of beanies and drink coasters being showered upon unsuspecting attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Murphy

Class of 1965 Secretary