

Class of 1973 Officer Quarterly Meeting

October 11, 2021 0900 to 1030

Via Zoom

Attendees: Ron Scott, John Stefonik, Kelly McCullar, Mike Arnett

Agenda:

The meeting followed the Agenda set forth by Ron:

1. Treasurer's Report, Kelly (Screen shot below)
2. Legacy Class, Bill
3. Class Senate, AJ
4. Class Gift, Bob
5. Class Book Project, Mike
6. Widow/Cemetery Updates, Dale
7. Other/New Business

As suggested by Robert's Rules of Order, this is a summary of what was done and not all that was said. No votes were taken, no money disbursements were authorized, no new policies or protocols were implemented. Ron summarized the Class Senate and Widow/Cemetery areas as the project person was not available.

Class Gift (Bob's later comments below), Class Book (Mike's summary follows)

Class Book Status Report

11 Oct 21

- Content updates
 - Four new chapters added since last report
 - Denny Merideth, "Relationships Matter"
 - Rowe Stayton, "From Fighter Pilot to Infantry Squad Leader"
 - John Barry, "Giving Back through Education"
 - Kirk Samelson, "Character in the Courtroom"
 - Additional interviews since last report
 - Four interviews to provide basis for additional chapters
 - Four follow-up interviews to clarify/expand existing material
 - To date, twenty-four classmates have been interviewed

- Outstanding issues
 - Some squadrons still unrepresented (CS-03, 06, 12, and 38), but not a showstopper. Will continue to seek inputs as we go along
 - Ron working to get interviews with African-American classmates
 - Important to get variety of viewpoints, help complete the class portrait
 - Potential candidates: O Mitchell (CS-22), T Thompson (CS-29), Spence Way (CS-21), Ernie Butler (CS-10), Butch Hodges (CS-15), Donnie Richardson (CS-34)
 - Additional suggestions?
- Process updates
 - First round of interviews basically completed
 - Have sufficient material for first draft
 - Additional interviews will help fill in some blanks
 - Target for initial draft now 30 Nov (was 31 Oct as of last report)
 - Review process
 - Additional Blue Team Review on 13 Sep (Scott, Munson)
 - Reviewed current manuscript, looked at basic outline, flow. Looked for gaps, provided “reality check”
 - No issues identified
 - Pink Team Review: mid-Dec 21
 - Will look for coherent and cohesive narrative, completeness, compelling story
 - Will focus on flow and quality of narrative
 - “Cold eyes” review: will consider not only what’s there, but what’s not
 - Need to line up team members: availability during holidays will be key
 - Draft Revision: Jan – Mar 22
 - Will consider Pink Team comments, make necessary corrections
 - Continue additional interviews, as necessary
 - Red Team Review: Apr 22
 - Cohesion, interest, relevance to audience
 - Big picture, but will get more into the details
 - Team members: Arnett (lead), Smith, Diffley, Stefonik
 - Final clearance from people who submitted inputs: Apr – Jul 22
 - Will be most time-consuming
 - Will be getting clearance as we go
 - Gold Team Review: Jul 22
 - Final review/comment
 - Will stay big picture
 - Will need team members
 - Final revisions: July – Oct 22
 - Submit to publisher: Nov 22

- Areas of concern
 - Difficulty in scheduling interviews has and will slow the process down, so timeline has to be flexible
 - New chapters are value-added, but also time-consuming to write
 - Earlier chapters were completed and submitted by classmates, so the primary focus was on editing
 - New chapters are based on interviews and have to be written based on those conversations
- Bottom line
 - We're behind the timeline a bit, but at this point not a showstopper
 - New chapters will really expand the post-AF retirement story, provide valuable perspectives
 - Overall, manuscript is filling out satisfactorily

Gentlemen:

Apologies for missing the meeting. Here's a summary of my update.


- As you know Forged in Blue went very well. A couple of follow-ons:
 - Hennessey has expressed an interest in sponsoring this event in the future, and wants the AOG to chat with them
 - We will meet with the AOG to encourage the organization to use this last Forged in Blue as a tradition standard
 - We will continue to encourage classmates to donate their rings at some point, like in their wills
- Class Gift is moving forward, slowly
 - Class Gift is to encourage classmates to have a current will....and consider establishing a legacy gift toward a class/Academy program
 - Since our last meeting, one more classmate has established a legacy gift in their estate, another has started their first will (44 year marriage, two kids, one with special needs)s
 - Class lunch in Boston was small (~11 classmates within one hour drive), four+spouses attended, four more wanted to come but had commitments. I gave a 20' update on 50th reunion, Class officer news and events, and Class Gift pitch, All wanted a repeat lunch...
 - Based on this first lunch...Pam and I may go out on the road in January for a road trip from ABQ to ATL....and do class lunches on the way. Anyone interested?
 - Otherwise, the Class Gift campaign will be more electronic communications, with the pitch rate picking up as we get within a year of the reunion.

Cheers, Bob

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Financial Report for the Class of 1973 Funds

January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

Statement of Financial Position

	Class Gift Fund	Class Agency Fund
ASSETS		
Pledges	\$ -	\$ -
Investments	-	19,861.85
Total Assets	\$ -	\$ 19,861.85
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS		
Net Assets at December 31, 2020	-	18,911.50
Net Income	-	950.35
Total Net Assets	\$ -	\$ 19,861.85
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ -	\$ 19,861.85

Statement of Activities

INCOME		
Investment Earnings		77.18
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments		2,113.12
Donations and Contributions		
Reunion Merchandising Income		
Service Revenue		
Class Reunion Registration		
Class Reunion Events		
Total Income	\$ -	\$ 2,190.30
EXPENSES		
Grants		
Reunion Activities Expense		
Non-Reunion Expense (Flowers)		1,163.99
Reunion Admin Fees		
Credit Card Fees		
Semi-Annual Admin Fees		75.96
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,239.95
Net Income	\$ -	\$ 950.35

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stefoni, Class Secretary