



Harvard and Radcliffe Classes of 1960 - 60th Reunion  
Meeting Minutes from Reunion Committee Meeting, February 19, 2020

**This version of the minutes reflects corrections received by Henry Marcy, in red text.**

***In Person:*** Liia Vilms, Ken Marshall, Steve Weddle, Henry Marcy, Bob Adams, Betsy Peterson, Ron Goodman, Kristen DeAmicis, Liz Ballard, Liz Orenstein, Krisela Millios

***On Phone:*** Bill Markus, Jane Simon

***Not in Attendance:*** Margaret Bancroft, Bart Dunbar, Heidi Fiske, Ed Tarlov

**Meeting Minutes**

- Ken Marshall asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting. There were no changes.
- Reunion Schedule Review – Changes / Additions
  - Monday, 5/25
    - Welcome Reception
      - Change start time to 7:30PM instead of 6:30PM to emphasize that this is NOT a dinner.
      - Change end time to from 9:00PM to 10:00PM. **Correction: In the meeting 2/19 Liz Ballard indicated that the event end time would be 9:30, but subsequently reached out to Kathleen Casey at the DoubleTree to see if 10:00 is possible, to preserve the event’s initial length of 2.5 hours.**
      - **Correction: The event time is now confirmed to be from 7:30-10:00PM and will be reflected on the schedule as such.**
  - Tuesday, 5/26
    - Lunch 12:30-2:00PM in Holworthy Tent – menu to be determined
    - Mini-Reunion Groups
      - Henry wants these meet-ups to happen starting during lunch (in the Holworthy Tent) and flowing into the time afterwards
      - They will be listed on the schedule (under Lunch) as being from 12:30-3:00PM in the Holworthy Tent.
    - Jack Reardon talk
      - Move to 3:00-4:00PM. Jack has a hard stop at 4:00PM to get to New York.
      - Liz O will confirm timing with Caroline & Jack
      - Ken Marshall will discuss with Jack the topic of his talk.
        - Ask Jack to talk about the change he has seen in the student body since he’s been involved with Admissions.
        - Ask Jack to avoid talking about the lawsuit.
        - HAA will request larger lecture space at Emerson for this (Emerson 105) – not yet confirmed.
    - 4:00-4:30PM Open Time
    - Boston Children’s Chorus
      - Change time to 4:30-5:30PM – **More recently, there has been discussion around changing the start time to 4:45 PM [or even 5:00 PM] in order to give the children, who are coming from school, a chance to rehearse/get settled.**



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- Previously this performance has happened at Emerson; Emerson has been requested again.
- HAA will talk to Events and ask for the larger lecture space at Emerson
- Children’s Chorus will need a rehearsal space in Emerson no later than 4:00PM beforehand. Liz B. is coordinating with Bob Adams and Robbie (at Boston Children’s Chorus) – rehearsal will be at 3:45PM.
- Dinner
  - 6:30-9:30PM
  - Lowell House – confirmed! Liz B. will set up a walk-through for Liia and Ken to get a sense of layout/where food will go
  - Open Beer and Wine, hard alcohol has to be paid for
  - Menu still being finalized. **Correction: this menu was finalized as of 2/7/2020 and the price/cost of the evening pricing was determined on the basis of that finalized menu.**
  - The Committee would like to look into having a tour of Lowell House during their dinner. Perhaps this is as informal as having a couple of the student staff who are from Lowell, Winthrop, and Leverett (the recently renewed houses – could also consider Quincy or Dunster?) so the alumni can ask the students for an unofficial tour. Liz B. will explore this opportunity.
- Wednesday, 5/27
  - Intellectual Programming
    - 9:00-10:15AM: "Progress in primary and secondary prevention of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, the number 1 cause of mortality in the Harvard Class of 60 (<15 minutes), group questions and discussion (60 minutes), Location TBD, Dr. Charles J. Glueck AB '60, Director, Cholesterol, Metabolism and Thrombosis Research Center in Cincinnati Ohio"
    - 9:00-10:15AM: "Education in Retirement, Location TBD, Ron Goodman"
      - During 9:00AM sessions, make sure reunion guests are told the route to get to the Class Photo at Memorial church.
    - 2:30-4:00PM: "Embedded Ethics at Harvard, Location TBD, Alison Simmons, Harvard’s Samuel H. Wolcott Professor of Philosophy; Chair of the Department of Philosophy; and the faculty representative to the Michael C. Rockefeller (H’60) Fellowship Board. "
      - Mel Hodder '60, will be introducing Alison Simmons
    - 2:30-4:00PM: Discussion Group led by Heidi Fiske, Location TBD
    - Liia will put in a request for specific rooms at Emerson for each session, but HAA will be balancing those requests against what the attendance numbers look like
    - We will discuss the program topics with Ron Goodman and Heidi Fiske during the March Reunion Committee meeting.
    - **Correction: Henry has asked that these minutes reflect that on Wednesday morning, May 27, there will also be Crimson Society intellectual programming, the details of which are still being finalized by the HAA. These two sessions, faculty/speakers pending, will take place in Lowell Lecture Hall from 9:00-10:15AM and from 10:45AM-12:00PM.**
      - **This programming will be an option for the Classes of 1960 but we have not discussed how/where we will publicize it.**
  - Class Photo 10:30 –11:00AM



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- Class Photo, before Memorial Service, to be taken on entry stairs of Memorial Church
- Need Harvard student volunteers to 'direct' entry /exit from church
- Memorial Service 11:15AM – 12:45PM
  - **Correction: The Service and Remembrance and Thanksgiving is not expected to end as late as 12:45PM, though Memorial Church has been reserved until then.**
  - Entrance and egress will not conflict with other classes or ROTC
  - Rehearsal – Memorial Church staff insists that 1960 cannot begin rehearsing until 9:15AM at the earliest. Liz B will do her best to get access at 9:00AM, and will coordinate with Lily Gillespie, the HAA reunion manager for 1965.
    - **Correction: Henry Marcy has asked Liz Ballard to advocate for an 8:45AM start time for the rehearsal. Liz Ballard has advocated as strongly as possible. However, we have a 9:00AM start time for the rehearsal. An 8:45 start time is not possible. The Class of 1965 memorial choir (whose service begins at 9:00AM) will be advised that members of the Classes of 1960 will be arriving to rehearse.**
    - **Liz B. is not able to confirm that the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Choir (Class of 1965) will be getting itself into position at the Memorial Church sanctuary at 8:45AM.**
    - Lingering questions of transportation and breakfast for choir participants.
  - There is no longer an A/V vendor set up in the basement of the Church during Commencement
  - Henry stated his intent of putting the Memorial Service on the class's website afterwards, whether a video, a recording, or photographs.
  - Liz Ballard sent Henry the information for hiring a videographer.
  - There is \$1,000 for this in the budget. (This was part of the fixed costs)
  - Videography is expected to cost \$1,900. Liz B. will update this quote in the budget.
  - The video would need to be hosted on a platform such as YouTube and embedded on the class website as a link due to size
  - Liz B. will put in a request with the Events team for a videographer.
  - When can **Bert Burt** Dudding get familiar with the organ at Memorial Church? With Carson?
  - Patrick Henry was suggested as a classmate who could give reflections.
- Lunch @ Faculty Club 1:00-2:30PM
  - Specific space provided on the schedule distributed at this meeting is erroneous. Please disregard.
  - Max guest count for Faculty Club is 300.
- Dinner by Foster's 6:30-9:00PM – Lobsterbake – Holworthy Tent
- Thursday, 5/28 – Commencement Day
  - Tree Spread registration is a separate ticket but is part of your registration material
    - Putting a note in the paperwork about security and not bringing bags would be a good idea
  - Radcliffe Dinner – St. Botolph Club – Details will be added to the website by the HAA as soon as they're provided by Committee
  - Proposed boat cruise – Charles Riverboat Cruise



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- Delayed launch so 1955 gets priority. There are 70 spots. Heavy appetizers & drink tickets included. Pricing is being refined but ballpark of \$55-\$70. Not yet on Classes of 1960 schedule.
- **Correction: Henry suggests that the proposed boat cruise be on 1960's registration form, he writes, "even if simply an indication of strong interest, given the Classes of 1955 have priority for the 70 spots. Instead of payment with registration, payment would be made directly to whomever (HAA or 1955 person or ?) by any of our folks who, in fact, show up." Henry would be willing to handle this, if there are spots left. (Thanks, Henry!)**
- Budget review
  - The budget has been approved and in Steve's opinion is price conservative
  - Steve provided a comparison of the cost 5 years ago versus this year
    - **Correction: Steve provided a comparison of the cost five years ago (\$425 per person plus \$70 registration fee for classmates only) versus this year (\$325 per person plus \$70 registration fee for classmates only).**
  - If anticipated attendance looks low or high we'll be able to adjust locations accordingly
  - Kristen suggests that the Committee not worry too much about the attendance numbers until after May 1st
- Transportation review
  - Van & Handicap transportation
    - A printout will be integrated into your paperwork/online presence
  - Double Tree – Parking is \$15
  - Business School Parking to DoubleTree – Anyone who wants to park at the B-School will need to get a student driver to ferry them to the Hotel. There is NOT a shuttle to/from the B-School
  - There will be free parking available on campus (at 52 Oxford Street Garage) as well as access to the HAA student drivers program.
  - More detailed information on parking, shuttles, and student drivers will be available shortly. This is on the HAA's priority list.
- Hospitality Suite
  - Freshman dorm common room?
    - Liz O. shared that both Greys Hall and Straus Commons are reserved, all the class has to do is pick which one they would like.
    - Liia would like to see both spaces. Liz B. to arrange a walk-through for a time TBD. Grays Hall is slightly closer to Emerson Hall.
    - Ken's suggestions – University Hall, etc.? – unfortunately these were not an option.
- Tours
  - Crimson Key Society – They run regular on-the-hour tours about "What's New At Harvard", "that start from HQ."
    - Add this information to the reunion schedule (on the website, and printed).
  - Liz O began a conversation with Marika Rueling, Managing Director of the Allston Initiative, about getting her or another member of her staff to speak. Since they have many requests for this time of year, we will need to wait for confirmation. Kristen DeAmicis will be moving this conversation forward.
    - Discussion of Will Dunham/Bart Dunbar.
  - Harvard Art Museum Tours are in progress, with details being handled by HAA Events staff



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- Mention Japanese art exhibit at HAM?
- The “History of Women at Harvard” tour that has been discussed is run by the Boston Historical Society (and not the Crimson Key Society) and brings with it a price tag of \$200. This is not something the class is likely to pursue; we will stick with the free Crimson Key offering, mentioned above, “What’s New At Harvard.”
- ‘Tour Guide’ for self-guided options – Liia and Ron will compile the information. Liz B./HAA staff can photocopy the finished product.
  - Liia is fleshing this out with descriptions and information about when things are open
- Registration
  - Online registration form is in process now that pricing has been finalized.
  - Liz B. working with Ken and Liia on print registration materials, including the co-chair letter, abbreviated schedule, reunion committee list, and paper registration form.
    - The Committee will see copies of everything before it is sent out.
    - Goal is to send mailing (and corresponding email version) between March 16-19.
  - **Correction: Henry suggests that the schedule included with the registration materials should be an “expanded” schedule rather than an “abbreviated” schedule. He reasons, “Some folks make the decision as to whether or not to come to the reunion based on the program. I think we should market the programming elements with as much information as we have available on March 15.”**
  - Only Widows and Widowers with email addresses will receive communication.
    - How will it be made clear to them that they are not paying the registration fee?
      - Encourage them to call and register with HAA staff over the phone. They cannot register by HarvardKey.
    - **Correction: Henry points out that indeed, at the meeting we did not make a definite decision about whether or not we are going to try to communicate to all widows and widowers or only those with email addresses. Henry indicated his willingness to assist Liia and Ken in developing the actual communication/email/letter/whatever form it takes.**
  - Reunion Guest Registration:
    - Monday night, 5/25 – Registration set up at DoubleTree, first floor
    - Tuesday, 5/26 and Wednesday, 5/26 – Registration on campus (likely Emerson) – registration will be located wherever programming content is.
      - Tuesday: classmates don’t have to register until they arrive at lunch.
      - HQ information will be on the schedule so people know where to go if they have a question.
      - Wednesday: classmates do not need to register to attend the Memorial Service. They will need a registration for lunch, but can register at the lunch tent.
- Other
  - Hotel information: rooms at the DoubleTree are limited, and rooms elsewhere near Cambridge are very expensive.
    - Ron Goodman has information on other hotels (in Quincy) – Ron, please send that information to Liz B. and we will determine how/when to share this information with classmates.



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- Correction: There is urgency in getting information out on Ron's alternative. As of 2/27/20 there are still rooms available at the DoubleTree for 5/25 (Monday), 5/26 (Tuesday), and 5/27 (Wednesday), but none left for 5/28 (Thursday, also Commencement Day).
- **Next meeting** – Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 12:00-2:30PM, HAA Conference Room 603B, or by Zoom
  - Mark your calendars!