



Grosse Pointe North High School *Class of 1971*

Minutes of Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 40th Reunion Committee Meeting

April 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. at Crescent Sail Yacht Club, 276 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, on April 27, 2011. The following people were in attendance: Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, Roger Ulmer, Don DeLaura, Judy (Barton) MacGuidwin and Rick Schott. Not attending: Jack Barbier.

COMPARATIVE INFO:

Don confirmed with Ed Eroe that there were approximately 20 walk-ins to the GPN 1970 reunion last year. This gives us an estimate of what to expect at the door.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Don stated that we are good shape regarding equipment and setup. Pointe Electronics has offered to come to the War Memorial early on May 28 to assist in setup. At this time, we have rented two column speakers, cables, and a projector from them, through Monday, May 30. All rented equipment has been paid for. Don needs the GPWM internet access code (which changes frequently). Don reiterated that he has downloaded all popular music from 1970 and 1971. The music and associated videos will run continuously, although monitoring of the system is recommended. Don can also take requests from guests. Don still needs pictures (preferably in .jpg format) to create slide shows. Dawn gave Don a flash drive containing all the "action" shots from the yearbook. We would like to also create an "In Memoriam" slide show of deceased classmates. As a courtesy, Don will inform Carl Sterr's band that we may have to cancel their performance (see Picnic Update).

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Nancy has continued to diligently update the website as more people sign up. Here is a summary of the latest statistics:

Summary of replies

- 688 classmates in database
- 45 deceased
- 643 remaining classmates
- 122 tickets sold (83 classmates & 39 guests)
- 46 have replied "No"
- 121 classmates for whom we have no info at all
- 109 classmates with info that we need to contact
- 125 classmates that we have contacted but have not heard a reply
- 45 more said "Yes" but haven't bought tickets yet + 34 guests = 79 potentially more

- 75 more said "Not sure" but haven't bought tickets yet + 50 guests = 125 potentially more
- 32 Profiles posted to the website

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Team members summarized their contact activity and sent results to Nancy; see website activity for remaining classmates to be contacted. Roger telephoned many of the "missing" to stir up enthusiasm. Nancy published a listing of outstanding names to be contacted.

LOCATION UPDATE:

Dawn and Pam will finalize the menu with the GPWM soon. The entire team plans to visit the GPWM on May 19 (evening). We must pay 80% of the expected bill on May 23. The remainder will be due after the event. Gary has obtained the liquor. Dawn will inquire with the GPWM if we can bring in a variety of cold bottled beer to be offered at the bar stations. Dawn will also ask how early we can begin setting up at the venue (we are hoping around 9:00 a.m.). Don, Nancy, Gary, Dawn and Bob volunteered to help set up Saturday morning. Based on the concern about the picnic venue, Dawn will inquire whether we could hold the picnic at the GPWM on Sunday, if a change of venue happens.

DECORATIONS UPDATE:

The team will obtain banners and balloons.

TICKET UPDATE:

122 tickets have been sold (83 classmates, 39 guests). See Website Update for more information.

PICNIC UPDATE:

The committee has been advised by Rick Schott that we have encountered a problem with the Crescent Sail Yacht Club regarding the picnic on Sunday. At this late date, the current commodore has reneged on allowing us to hold the picnic at this site. He has also offered to return our check (which was cashed March 7). There has been a flurry of email activity regarding this issue; despite several phone calls and explanations of our previously-obtained approval, as well as offering scalebacks (i.e., no band, etc.), the commodore is refusing to change his position. We are preparing an explanatory letter that we hope will convince him otherwise. We do plan to move forward with the picnic as is, but just in case, we will investigate other venues. Dawn will check with the GPWM; Don may have a contact at Bayview; Pam's brother is a member of the GPYC; local GP parks are another option. The website will be updated if necessary. As a courtesy, Don will inform Carl Sterr's band that cancellation of the performance is possible.

TREASURY UPDATE:

No update.

ACCOMMODATIONS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

Some classmates have inquired as to local accommodations. Nancy has been directing them to the Traveler Information page on the website. Carol will update the information with Roger's input.

PHOTO BOOTH UPDATE:

Pam will finalize ShutterBooth setup and payment.

QUESTIONNAIRE/PROFILE UPDATE:

There is a provision on the new website for classmates to enter their own personal data. So far, 32 people have posted an update. We invite all classmates to enter/update their profiles!

NAMETAG UPDATE:

Dawn is just about done creating nametags for those attending. Pam's sister Kady will man the nametag table at the event.

MEDIA UPDATE:

The reunion details run periodically on the Parcels Middle School located at Mack Avenue and Vernier Road. The Grosse Pointe News has run an ad, and the C&G Newspapers have it posted on their website. Pam called the Oakland Press, but was put on hold, and left a message asking them to contact her. Gary contacted Comcast and gave them the details to run on their local cable announcement stations.

CALL FOR OLD PICTURES!

Please forward pictures you would like to publish on the website to the reunion committee.

OTHER:

Dawn was contacted by some members of the GPN Class of 1972 who asked to attend our reunion to observe and strategize for their upcoming reunion. The team agreed to allow entry to them; we will ask for a donation and ask them to refrain from partaking in the food and drink.

Carol suggested that we develop a short program for the evening's activities. We would also like for Jack to make some welcoming comments. Carol will work with Jack.

ACTION ITEMS:

All committee members to continue to inform Nancy of results of their individual attempts to contact classmates

Carol to update Travel & Accommodations file and send to Nancy

Pam to follow up with the Oakland Press to advertise the reunion

Carol to secure "Welcome back, Alumni" banner from school

Don to inform Carl Sterr that we may have to cancel the band performance

Carol and Jack to develop Welcome program

All committee members to follow up with contacting missing classmates

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at Gilbert's.

After that, the next scheduled meeting is May 19 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, where we will finalize reunion evening plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary