



## Grosse Pointe North High School *Class of 1971*

Minutes of Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Meeting

February 18, 2016

The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee met for a meeting and dinner at 6:30 p.m. on February 18, 2016 at Gilbert's Lodge Restaurant, 22335 Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores, MI. The following people were in attendance: Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway, Don DeLaura, Pam (Killebrew) Allessandro, and Roger Ulmer. Judy (Barton) MacGuidwin called into a conference call. Not attending were: Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, and Jack Barbier.

Update on plans: The team reviewed a multi-page contract from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club which outlines room usage guidelines. Judy had previewed it earlier, and made many notes about items that the group should clarify before signing. Judy had a concern that the GPYC should not hold Pam nor her relatives (who are GPYC members) responsible for paying for the reunion and Judy stipulated "that most importantly, the reunion committee needs to authorize Pam to sign this (the contract) and make the reunion committee liable instead of her in an individual capacity (i.e., she is entitled to sign and approve this "letter of agreement" and provide a deposit in the amt. of \$500 on a check drawn by Bob &/or Nancy)." The team will investigate the legal aspects of being held harmless. The team authorized Pam to sign the documentation in her capacity as President of the reunion committee. The team feels that the credit card authorization form provided by the GPYC is not necessary, as all payments will be made by check.

The event hours are 6:00 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016. We expect that the reunion team will be able to gain access a little earlier to set up. We will use the second-level ballroom with a small room off to the side for the cash bar. We expect that classmates will have access to the GPYC grounds. The structure of the event will be casual; however, the GPYC stipulates that no denim may be worn. Valet parking is available. The team also discussed the possibility of holding a picnic at a local park on Sunday, Sept. 11, but no decision was made.

The team discussed nametags; if Dawn still has the file(s) that she used to create nametags for the 2011 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, we can print them again.

Nancy has been tabulating classmate responses. As of Feb. 18, results are:

Total emails sent out = 332

# returned UNDEL = 16

of those, here are the replies

Classmates Yes = 81    Guests Yes = 32    Total (81+32) = 113

Classmates Maybe = 5    Guests Maybe = 6    Total (5+6) = 11

Classmates No = 36

So of the 316 that were not returned undeliverable, we still haven't heard from 194 classmates that were sent emails.

Nancy sent lists of incorrect email addresses to Kathy Rogers and Debi (Wegner) Ihrie, who offered to help research classmates. Kathy sent postcards (at her own expense) to some of the names for whom

she found mailing addresses. Anyone with a new email address (or if you know of a classmate's correct email address) can contact [reunioncommittee@gpn1971.org](mailto:reunioncommittee@gpn1971.org)

Nancy mentioned renewing the reunion website for five years into the future. She will investigate funding. Nancy added a "Who's Coming" section to the website.

Bob and Nancy opened a bank account at Flagstar Bank on Feb. 2. Bob and Nancy are each individual signers on the account.

The team discussed some options in case ticket sales did not cover the total costs for the reunion. Roger suggested selling 50-50 tickets at the event.

Ticket price is \$55 now through June 1. June 1-Sept. 1 is \$65. The cutoff date is Sept. 1, as we must give a final headcount to the GPYC 72 hours ahead of the event. The team agreed that there should be no door sales. Nancy will set up the PayPal account so that it feeds into the new bank account at Flagstar Bank. There is a slight fee for paying by PayPal. The team also discussed the possibility of returning ticket fees to classmates who pay but later find they are unable to attend; no decision made.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

Don will check into entertainment methods (WiFi, etc.) available at the GPYC

Pam will contact the GPYC to finalize the contract, reserve the date and room, and submit a deposit

Pam will check with the GPYC about a microphone

Bob will follow up with Gary and Dawn about nametags

Nancy will send out an email to classmates regarding ticket sales

Nancy to set up PayPal account to feed to new Flagstar Bank account

Carol will contact the Grosse Pointe News, C&G Newspapers, local television stations, and the GP school system (electronic signs) to submit reunion notices/advertisements

Carol will inquire about borrowing the Grosse Pointe North banner from the high school

Roger will assist in calling classmates

The team will reconvene on April 14.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Holloway  
Secretary