



Grosse Pointe North High School

Class of 1971

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

November 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Gilbert's Lodge, 22325 Harper, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, on November 19, 2009. The following people were in attendance: Don DeLaura, Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Bob Reaser, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, and Carol (Appleton) Holloway. Not attending: Jack Barbier (lives in Minnesota).

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Don DeLaura has surveyed a variety of people organizing a 40th reunion, including Ed Eroo, GPN Class of 1970. GPN 1970 is planning a reunion on a Saturday and a picnic on the following Sunday, similar to the 1971 group's plans. We can use their progress as a gauge. Our group seems to be ahead of the average schedule, so we are glad to have gotten an early start.

Don has also contacted various DJ and music providers. The standard rate is \$300 - \$1000 for a 5-6 hour time period. Most seem to use an MP3 download format, with thousands of songs available. Don suggested that we investigate using an interactive, touch-screen computer setup that can provide music and perhaps "You-Tube" types of video.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

We are happy to report that 130 people have registered on the website and many are indicating that they plan to attend the reunion.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Nancy Burk developed a spreadsheet of contact information of 1971 classmates, using the 2002 directory of GPN graduates. She emailed many people, and received responses from some. The team resolved to focus on contacting as many classmates as possible by the next meeting. Nancy's lists were split up among the rest of the group, and we will each work on contacting people. However, there are still many classmates for whom we have no information (or incorrect data). Records from the 20th reunion (1991) may be helpful. Carol Holloway has the spiral-bound booklet from that reunion.

Newspaper notices: Carol called the Grosse Pointe News; they can put in a notice into their Reunions section. Nancy called C & G Publications (Grosse Pointe Times, etc.). They also run reunion notices. We can run notices periodically to get the word out. Carol also suggested putting a notice on the local cable TV's Grosse Pointe Public Schools station. The GPN school website already shows the notice.

LOCATION UPDATE:

Dawn Hill will get more information from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial regarding a deposit, capacity, headcount minimum/limitation, and liquor policy. The War Memorial allows groups to bring in their own liquor.

It was suggested to not put the bar in the main vestibule, as people tend to gather near the bar and not mingle. We will investigate space inside the ballroom for a bar.

There was discussion about whether to have a cash bar or open bar, but no decision has been made. Another suggestion was to offer two drink tickets as part of the overall admission fee, and cash bar after that.

In the event that the War Memorial does not work out, Pam can ask her brother to sponsor us at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Picnic update: we will check into local parks in order to hold a picnic on Sunday, May 29, 2011. Don will contact the Grosse Pointe Farms Park, Pam will contact the Grosse Pointe Shores Park, and Carol will contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Park. It is important to note that since it is the Memorial Day weekend, the parks may have restrictions on number of visitors, or space may already be occupied.

TREASURY UPDATE:

Nothing new to report at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

All team members to focus on contacting remaining classmates.

Nancy to email classmate lists to the reunion committee members.

Dawn to get details from the War Memorial.

Carol, Don and Pam to check into picnic locations at local parks.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, February 18, 2010, at Gilbert's Lodge, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary