



Grosse Pointe North High School

Class of 1971

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

March 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. at Gilbert's Lodge, 22325 Harper, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, on March 25, 2010. The following people were in attendance: Don DeLaura, Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Bob Reaser (and wife), and Carol (Appleton) Holloway. Roger Ulmer surprised us with a visit (Welcome, Roger!). Not attending: Jack Barbier (lives in Minnesota), Pam Killebrew Alessandro (out of town).

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Don reiterated his suggestion to use an interactive, touch-screen computer setup. This would require us to rent or borrow a laptop computer and possibly an overhead projector. Also, pandora.com is an internet radio website that allows registered users to select music to play instantly. If we used this format, we would need volunteers to "man" the station so that musical selections are not overridden by others.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Approximately 150 people have registered on the website; about half indicate that they plan to attend the reunion, and half registering as Maybe. Nobody has indicated a "No"!

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Carol expressed concern that our recent email outreach gave little results (except for many ISP responses of "unknown user"!). We are determined to find a way to contact all classmates. Dawn suggested using a "save-the-date" process. Carol's email format used the "5 Ws" style (Who, What, Where, When, Why) to quickly inform classmates of the upcoming reunion. For the next meeting, Nancy will set up a page on the GPN '71 website that will list classmates not yet contacted. Our intent is to have classmates contact us, and just let us know that you have been contacted, so we will stop looking for you!

LOCATION UPDATE:

Dawn obtained an application from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The War Memorial prices change in August, so we should try to make a deposit before that time. The War Memorial allows groups to bring in their own liquor. We discussed various drink possibilities (beer kegs, two-drink tickets included in overall ticket price, etc.) but did not arrive at a decision yet. Roger mentioned that we may need to apply for a temporary, one-day liquor license.

PICNIC UPDATE:

Carol contacted the Grosse Pointe Woods Park. The park allows residents to obtain a permit to sponsor one group gathering of 30 people per year. If more people are invited / expected, other Grosse Pointe Woods residents can also sponsor a 30-person group for that day, provided the resident also attends the event. One request per GPW household per year. There is a limit of 150 people per event. There is no charge for the gathering, but tents and pavilions can be rented for a fee. The park evaluates first-come-first-served requests beginning on April 1 of each year, so we must wait until April 1, 2011 to submit requests (if we proceed with a picnic). A guest list must be submitted three weeks in advance. Since it is the Memorial Day weekend, space may fill up quickly.

TREASURY UPDATE:

Bob enumerated some potential expenses (facility, food, liquor, etc.) and researched some comparative pricing for similar events. We also must keep in mind possible expenses for tickets and decorations. As noted in previous minutes, Carol and Bob will soon set up a bank account at a local bank to process eventual expenses and ticket sales.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The following activities were suggested for the event:

- Questionnaire or synopsis of all classmates' updates for the past 40 years
- Name tags with yearbook photos
- Photo booth on location for fun, current pictures with your old pals
- Moment of silence (and name projection on screen) for classmates who have passed away

OTHER COMMENTS:

Gary suggested visiting a similar event to evaluate turnout, food portions, etc. We may need volunteer ticket-takers at the door.

ACTION ITEMS:

Gary to check keg prices.

Nancy to add to the website a list of names of classmates still to be contacted.

Dawn to research nametags & yearbook photos and possible photo booth at reunion.

Roger to ask who organized the GPN High School 40th Year fundraiser (held in 2008 at the War Memorial).

The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Gilbert's Lodge, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary