



Grosse Pointe North High School

Class of 1971

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

July 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. at Gilbert's Lodge, 22325 Harper, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, on July 29, 2010. The following people were in attendance: Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro and Roger Ulmer. Not attending: Jack Barbier and Don DeLaura.

A correction to the May 20, 2010 notes: should have read "meeting was called to order May 20, 2010" (reads "March 25, 2010").

COMPARATIVE INFO:

GPN 1970 class held their 40th reunion the weekend of June 18-20 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. They had approximately 150 attendees.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

No update.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

As of July 29, 176 people have registered on the website; 85 Yes responses to attend reunion; 87 Maybe; 2 No; 2 no indication (this count does not include spouses/guests). Nancy has updated the "Help Us Find Classmates" web page with a list of classmates still to be contacted. If your name appears on the list (or you know of others on the list), please advise the reunion committee of your intentions. If you plan to attend, great! If not, just let us know so we don't continue to contact you.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Nancy has been researching websites like classmates.com and graduateconnections.com to look up former classmates. The team authorized her to create an account on one of these websites to help inform classmates of the upcoming reunion.

LOCATION UPDATE:

Nancy and Dawn will visit the GPWM to check out menu selections and determine a food budget. The plan is to serve hors d'oeuvres at several small food stations scattered throughout the venue. Dawn will use the GPWM prices to help develop ticket prices. We are still discussing drink

options. Gary will check out liquor prices. We will also ascertain if the GPWM has any restrictions on decorations.

TICKET UPDATE:

The team discussed payment options for tickets/entry to the reunion. We considered PayPal (secure online payment) and personal check. We don't plan to print actual tickets; this will raise the cost of the event. We are reviewing a plan to just check names at the door. We may have to cut off attendance at 250 people to adhere to the War Memorial's policies. We also discussed offering a discount to early purchasers, and possibly adding a list of paid attendees to the website as an incentive for those who are currently undecided about attending.

PICNIC UPDATE:

We are still looking for someone to help organize a picnic (probably for Sunday, May 29). Contact any reunion team member. Jack emailed Nancy that he might have an alternative idea to share.

TREASURY UPDATE:

No update.

ACCOMMODATIONS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

The reunion team received an email inquiring as to local accommodations for out-of-town attendees. Carol signed up with the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors' Bureau for their tips on local accommodations; she has been receiving quotes from various nearby hotels, motels and transportation companies. The nightly rates for hotels/motels run from \$59 in Roseville to \$129 in downtown Detroit. We can reserve a block of rooms at a local hotel or we can simply allow out-of-towners to select their own accommodations. The reunion committee will make a determination at a later date. There are also many transportation companies offering buses, limos, etc. to and from the reunion site, airport, etc. Again, the reunion committee will decide later if we need a large multi-person vehicle or if taxicabs will suffice. The Visitors' Bureau offers a free class reunion seminar on September 18 at Cobo Hall, including workshops and exhibit tables. Carol will consider attending this event.

PHOTO BOOTH UPDATE:

The team discussed a plan to have a photo booth available for a fun activity at the reunion. For approximately \$700, a company will provide the booth for four hours, a photo session manager, (directs the process and keeps things moving) and unlimited number of pictures. Users are given two hard copies of each photo. Each photo is also saved to a hard drive for an album. We will also look into offering for sale copies of DVDs which include all photos from the evening's booth rental. The booths can accommodate up to five people at a time.

QUESTIONNAIRE UPDATE:

The team is seeking someone to gather information from all classmates to get an update of their activities for the past 40 years. We also need someone to develop either a web or hard copy portfolio of this information. If you would like to help or know someone who can perform these functions, please contact any reunion member.

ACTION ITEMS:

Nancy & Dawn to evaluate food selections at GPWM

Dawn to contact other reunion teams for pointers on budget, etc.
Gary to get liquor prices

The next meeting is set for Thursday, September 16, 2010, at Gilbert's Lodge, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary