



Grosse Pointe North High School *Class of 1971*

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

January 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, on January 20, 2011. The following people were in attendance: Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Don DeLaura, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, Roger Ulmer and Rick Schott (GPN 1970). Jack Barbier joined via Skype. Not attending: Judy (Barton) MacGuidwin due to Skype signal issues. There were two corrections to the December 9, 2010 meeting minutes: the rental for the Crescent Sail Yacht Club facilities for the picnic is \$150 (not \$100), and Rick Schott will assist with (but not sponsor) the picnic logistics.

COMPARATIVE INFO:

The team asked Rick his opinion as to whether we are on track regarding number of classmates contacted and ticket purchases. Rick agreed that he sees parallels to the GPN 1970 class' timeline.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Don will check the internet signal, connections and wiring at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Don will also check with Carl Sterr concerning his live band performance at the Sunday afternoon picnic at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club; we need to verify if the band will charge to perform.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Nancy provided the following breakdown:

- 275 email invitations sent out
- 28 no email address or other info, but invitation sent via Classmates.com
- 18 no email but invitation sent via Classmates.com, also have other contact info
- 5 no email address or other info, but invitation sent via Facebook

326 Subtotal of all contacted (see summary below)

- 175 no email, but other potential contact info that could be tried
- 151 no info at all

326 Subtotal of still needing contact

- 38 deceased

690 Total names on file

Summary of replies

- 26 Yes + paid (+ 20 guests)
- 92 Yes not paid
- 105 Not sure
- 12 No
- 91 No answer

326 Total

- 11 Profiles posted to the website

Nancy will subdivide the lists of those not contacted yet and distribute to the group to pursue.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

See Website update above. Also, Rick suggested that we sign up with Intelius.com or a similar online database to obtain email information for lost classmates. Rick will check other avenues of obtaining email addresses.

LOCATION UPDATE:

Pam will ask the Grosse Pointe War Memorial about overages; most venues provide 5-10% extra food. Carol suggested asking several members of GPN 1972 to work the door/registration, so that all GPN 1971 attendees (including the committee members!) will be able to enjoy the evening. This will also give the GPN 1972 team a chance to understand what it takes to run a reunion. Pam will check further with her younger sister. Pam mentioned that as long as we don't collect funds at the event for the bar, we are covered under the War Memorial's liability insurance, and there is no liability to our group. A final attendance count is needed by May 23. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

TICKET UPDATE:

47 tickets have been sold (26 classmates, 21 guests). We have achieved 22% of our income goal in order to break even. There will be no ticket sales at the door, so classmates are urged to buy their tickets now! Rick does not recall that there were any no-shows at the GPN 1970 event.

PICNIC UPDATE:

Rick has offered to assist in arranging the picnic on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club on Lakeshore Drive. The rental fee is \$150. We can have full use of the facilities, including grounds, pavilions (including the "Tiki hut"), and clubhouse from 3:00 p.m. to midnight. The picnic will be a BYO event. Pam will check with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to see if we can take any leftover food from the reunion. We will also consider purchasing cold cuts at Costco/Sam's Club. The CSYC has outdoor charcoal and gas grills and inside cooking facilities, icemaker, etc., that we can use. We can also make use of the club's tables and chairs for the lawn. The team will investigate tent rentals (one for the band and one in case of very hot or inclement weather). There may be some club members using the club that day, as there will be sailboat races; we must be considerate of the club members. Of course, we are expected to clean up after ourselves at the club, including the kitchen area. Nancy will add a checkbox to the website to indicate picnic attendance so we know how many to expect.

TREASURY UPDATE:

There is balance of \$2500.49 in the reunion account. So far, we have achieved 22% of our breakeven goal in ticket sales.

ACCOMMODATIONS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

Carol Anderson Wagner, Class of 1970, and Jan Lang Kawal, Class of 1971, are travel agents who could be a resource for travel and accommodations.

PHOTO BOOTH UPDATE:

The small Lucite picture frames, to be given as souvenirs, are \$1.50 each.

QUESTIONNAIRE UPDATE:

There is a provision on the new website for classmates to enter their own personal data. We encourage all classmates to enter/update their profiles!

NAMETAG UPDATE:

No update.

MEDIA UPDATE:

The committee plans to advertise the reunion on electronic boards, such as the one at Parcels Middle School, as well as the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Times (C & G newspaper) and local access cable TV channels. Carol will follow up.

CALL FOR OLD PICTURES!

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Nancy to email subdivided lists of classmates to contact or verify information

Nancy to add a checkbox for picnic attendance to the website

Carol to contact press, cable channels, Grosse Pointe School System (for Parcels LED sign)

All committee members to enter/update their profiles on the website

All committee members to follow up with contacting missing classmates

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library (Woods branch). **At publication time, we learned that the library rooms are not available March 3. The team is considering local coffeehouses, restaurants, etc. for a location. Location will be published on the website.

We plan to reconvene in April at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, at which time we hope to tour the facility and grounds; the January tour was postponed due to a snowfall. Future meetings will be May 5 and 19; location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary