



Grosse Pointe North High School *Class of 1971*

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

March 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. at Gilbert's Lodge, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, on March 3, 2011. The following people were in attendance: Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Judy (Barton) MacGuidwin, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, and Roger Ulmer. Not attending: Don DeLaura and Jack Barbier.

COMPARATIVE INFO:

No update.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Don sent an update via email:

I have been over to Pointe Electronics on a couple of occasions and have our event set up with them. I'll need to give them a deposit sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Please advise whether I should pay for this and get reimbursed, or would you prefer I get a check from our account and write it up that way.

Set up for War Memorial:

Two laptops (Don DeLaura)

Receiver/Amp – Pointe Electronics

Speakers (with column stands) – Pointe Electronics

Projector – Pointe Electronics

Screen – War Memorial

Will need two tables for setup at War memorial

Assorted cables, electric cords, surge protectors, etc. – Don DeLaura, War Memorial

If we want to run slide shows of misc. pics, our High School pics, and/or memorials for those who have gone too soon, then I will need discs of these images, or if someone can email them to me in a file.

I plan on going over to the War Memorial soon (possibly tomorrow) to make sure the internet connection is adequate.

Also for the picnic, Carl Sterr and his Band are available and confirmed for the Picnic. \$400

The team discussed awarding small prizes to some attendees (longest married, most children, traveled the farthest, etc.). We will talk further on this subject. The committee thinks it would appropriate for our class president, Jack Barbier, to make a welcoming statement to the crowd. We will inform Jack.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Nancy provided the following breakdown:

- 688 names in database
- 41 deceased
- 647 remaining classmates

Summary of replies

- 63 tickets sold (38 classmates & 25 guests)
 - 86 Yes response but no tickets purchased yet
 - 96 Not sure
 - 22 No
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- 22 Profiles posted to the website

Nancy renewed the website domain name for another year.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

See Website update above. With just under three months until the reunion date, the team decided to concentrate on encouraging the "Yes" and "Not sure" responders to buy their tickets. Judy will contact those folks with an easy-pay method to facilitate tickets sales. The rest of the team will continue to look for and contact "missing" classmates.

LOCATION UPDATE:

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial needs a final attendance count by May 23. Pam will inquire if any leftover food can be saved for the next day's picnic. Pam's younger sister, Katie (Class of 1974), has offered to assist at 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 future reunion teams a chance to understand what it takes to run a reunion. Pam reiterated that as long as we don't collect funds at the event for the bar, the War Memorial's liquor liability insurance is in effect, and there is no liability to our group. Nancy mentioned that Jack had a concern that two bartenders would not be sufficient. Pam and Dawn indicated that additional bartenders would cost \$100 each. Dawn added that the GPWM contact person sets up many events, and she would have probably mentioned it if she felt the bar needed more staff; so we feel that two bartenders will be fine.

DECORATIONS UPDATE:

The GPWM staff offered to set out candles/votives on some tables. Dawn and Gary indicated that they still have some leftover wine glasses from an earlier reunion, with the Norsemen logo. They will try putting votive candles into those to check the effect. Dawn and Pam can enlarge various action shot pictures from the yearbook, mount on boards, and position around the venue. Pam and Carol will check with the high school to see if we can borrow any flags, banners, etc.

TICKET UPDATE:

63 tickets have been sold (38 classmates, 25 guests). Keeping the food at the pre-determined level, the breakeven point is 150 attendees, so we urge all friends and classmates to attend.

PICNIC UPDATE:

Judy offered to let the group borrow some large tents; however, we think the Crescent Sail Yacht Club already has tents. Don confirmed via email that Carl Sterr's band will perform at the picnic for a fee of \$400. The team agreed that it would be good to invite Carl to at least one of our future meetings.

TREASURY UPDATE:

There is a balance of approximately \$1000 in the reunion account. Nancy renewed the website domain name for another year; she will need a check for \$25.

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. Also, travelers can check the Traveler Information link on the reunion website.

PHOTO BOOTH UPDATE:

The photo booth will be located within one of the interior hallways. Attendees can have their picture taken and inserted into clear Lucite photo frames. We plan to have a table available to store the photos and frames so attendees can mingle without carrying them around.

QUESTIONNAIRE/PROFILE UPDATE:

There is a provision on the new website for classmates to enter their own personal data. So far, 22 people have posted an update. We invite all classmates to enter/update their profiles!

NAMETAG UPDATE:

Dawn discussed various types of badges. Lanyards may be too expensive (approximately \$1.80 each). Badges with pins or adhesive backing might damage clothing. A clear plastic badge holder with a clip would only run about 50-60 cents apiece. Dawn will print the names on heavy stock paper and insert into the badge holders. She will bring a sample to the next meeting. Pam will check to see if she can utilize her company discount for a bulk purchase, then be reimbursed by the reunion funds. Carol suggested that guests' names be printed in grayscale or a different color to differentiate from classmates. The badges will be put together with guest name (if any) and aligned alphabetically on the registration table for pickup/check-in.

MEDIA UPDATE:

Carol was successful in her efforts to advertise the reunion on the electronic sign at Parcels Middle School located at Mack Avenue and Vernier Road (runs periodically from now through the reunion date) and in the Grosse Pointe News (February 24, 2011 edition, page 3B). Carol also emailed an announcement to the C & G newspapers but has not heard back from them. Gary will contact Comcast and local access cable TV channels. Pam will contact the Oakland Press.

CALL FOR OLD PICTURES!

Please forward pictures you would like to publish on the website to the reunion committee. Judy also took photos and videos of the committee at this evening's meeting to post on the website.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Judy to set up easy-pay method and contact "Yes" and "Not sure" responders
- Dawn to do a mock-up of a name badge
- Dawn and Gary to try votive candles in GPN wine glasses
- Pam and Carol to contact the school for flags, banners, etc.
- Gary to contact Comcast and other cable channels to advertise the reunion
- Pam to contact the Oakland Press to advertise the reunion
- Pam to ensure that we can visit the War Memorial on May 19
- 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 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., location TBD.

We plan to reconvene April 14 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. Pam will set up the May 19 meeting at the War Memorial, in order for us to do a last-minute check and walk-through of the area.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary