



## Grosse Pointe North High School *Class of 1971*

Minutes of Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Meeting

March 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. at Gilbert's Lodge, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, on March 24, 2011. The following people were in attendance: Don DeLaura, Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Judy (Barton) MacGuidwin, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, and Roger Ulmer. Not attending: Nancy (LeRoy) Burk and Jack Barbier.

### COMPARATIVE INFO:

No update.

### ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Don has checked out the signal at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and found it to be satisfactory). He plans to set up the equipment the morning of the reunion. Don will need a check amounting to \$300 to rent associated equipment (speakers, projector, microphone) from Pointe Electronics. He has one laptop (his own) and Judy has a projector, if we need to borrow it. Necessary equipment was outlined in the March 3, 2011 meeting minutes.

If we want to run slide shows of misc. pics, our High School pics, and/or memorials for those deceased, Don will need discs or emails of these images. Dawn and Judy have some photos saved in Picasa. Dawn will save the Picasa pics to a flash drive and give it to Don.

### WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Nancy was out of town for today's meeting but she has been diligently updating the website as more people sign up. Nancy also provided several Excel files with names & contact data for many of our missing classmates. The rest of the team will work to inform everyone on those lists about the reunion and strive to obtain attendance commitments.

#### Summary of replies

- 78 tickets sold (49 classmates & 29 guests)
  
- 27 Profiles posted to the website

### OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

See Website update above. Judy has emailed payment requests to those folks who indicated "Yes" or "Maybe" regarding attendance. This has prompted a few more people to buy tickets. A couple of classmates who initially responded "Yes" or "Maybe" have now responded with regrets. Judy will send reminder emails to the "Yes/Not Sure" crowd. Gary suggested that we start calling those who said "Yes."

#### LOCATION UPDATE:

Pam has been finalizing many details with Carmela, the event associate at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. There is a concern that if we get a lot of ticket sales at the door that there will not be enough hors d'oeuvres available for everyone. The solution is to call Carmela with the known attendance one week before the event; we would pay 70% of the bill then (May 23) and the rest will be billed after the event, according to final count. The GPWM prepares much of their food ahead of time and freezes it; if necessary, we may be able to "borrow" against another event's preparation. Regrettably, the GPWM does not have a carry-out license; therefore, no leftovers can be taken out for the picnic the next day. Planned serving time is 7:00 pm for light hors d'oeuvres, 7:30 – 8:00 pm for pasta bar and prime rib, and dessert later. For \$6.50 per person, the War Memorial can provide dessert trays containing eclairs, cannoli, cream puffs, etc. Don will contact Ed Eroe (GPN 1970) to see how he handled walk-ins at the door.

#### DECORATIONS UPDATE:

Dawn and Gary set some votive candles into leftover wine glasses from an earlier reunion. The candles burned for hours with no problem. They also brought samples of collages made from enlarged yearbook photos (action shots), which looked great. Carol was in contact with Pat Gast at GP North, who indicated that she has a 3' by 5' vinyl banner stating "Welcome Back, Alumni". We will contact Pat as we closer to the reunion date and borrow it as a decoration.

#### TICKET UPDATE:

78 tickets have been sold (49 classmates, 29 guests). Only six people have utilized PayPal as a payment method; everyone else mailed in checks. We had set a preliminary deadline of March 31 for responding. Judy will send out reminder payment requests. Gary suggested that the rest of the team start calling classmates. We discussed cutting costs, in case we do not get a breakeven number of attendees. We can reduce the amount of food/liquor, or cancel more expensive items, such as the tenderloin hors d'oeuvres. We can also increase the ticket price for those paying at the door. We have already paid for the photo booth, so we cannot delete that. We agreed that we will not panic unless attendance does not top 85 people.

#### PICNIC UPDATE:

The \$400 fee for Carl Sterr's band is not included in the original ticket price.

#### TREASURY UPDATE:

No update; Don needs funds to rent the audio/video equipment.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

No update.

#### PHOTO BOOTH UPDATE:

Pam showed a mockup of the ShutterBooth photo frame with the Norsemen logo.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE/PROFILE UPDATE:

There is a provision on the new website for classmates to enter their own personal data. So far, 27 people have posted an update. We invite all classmates to enter/update their profiles!

#### NAMETAG UPDATE:

Dawn showed sample nametags encased in a plastic covering, with a thin elastic cord. Classmates' nametags would have their name (including maiden names) in large letters with their yearbook photo. Guest nametags will have their name. The team feels that this will work well. The cost is nominal compared to other types of nametags (lanyards, etc.). Pam will check to see if she can order packages with her company's discount to Office Depot. Carol inquired as to how to handle nametags for those paying at the door. Most likely, we will just have black markers and blank nametags available for people to write their names.

#### MEDIA UPDATE:

The reunion details run periodically on the Parcels Middle School located at Mack Avenue and Vernier Road. Carol contacted C&G Newspapers about the announcement she emailed to them Feb. 14. They responded that they received the announcement but they only publish it on their website (not in the hard copy papers). 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 send reminder payment emails to "Yes" and "Not sure" responders
- Don to contact Ed Eroe regarding walk-ins to his 40<sup>th</sup> reunion last year
- 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
- Carol to confirm with Rick Schott that CSYC is available for next meeting & facility tour
- 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, April 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, 276 Lake Shore Road. Carol will confirm availability with Rick Schott.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Holloway  
Secretary