



Grosse Pointe North High School *Class of 1971*

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

April 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. at Crescent Sail Yacht Club, 276 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, on April 14, 2011. The following people were in attendance: Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, Roger Ulmer, and Rick Schott. Not attending: Don DeLaura and Judy (Barton) MacGuidwin. Jack Barbier was contacted by phone and talked to several members of the team.

COMPARATIVE INFO:

No update.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

See the picnic update for information regarding the band performance at Sunday's picnic.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Nancy has continued to diligently update the website as more people sign up. Here is a summary of the latest statistics:

Summary of replies

- 106 tickets sold (68 classmates & 38 guests)
- 32 have replied "No"
- 64 more said "Yes" but haven't bought tickets yet + 43 guests = 107 potentially more
- 82 more said "Not sure" but haven't bought tickets yet + 57 guests = 139 potentially more

- 30 Profiles posted to the website

- Unfortunately, we know of 44 deceased classmates. As we had approximately 688 classmates, this leaves 644 remaining classmates

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Nancy will send out an email to everyone who responded "Yes," informing them of the committee's desire to finalize the budget. Along with that will be a request to purchase tickets ASAP so that we can order the appropriate amounts of food and drink. We are also requesting the team members to summarize their contact activity so that we know who still remains to be contacted.

LOCATION UPDATE:

We need to give the GPWM as accurate a count as possible 1 week prior to the event. As we anticipate that there will be some ticket sales at the door, we need to try and ensure that there will be sufficient food for all. Some hors d'oeuvres, such as the pasta, can easily be added that evening. However, most food is made by the GPWM prior to the event. This makes it critical that we get an accurate count of how many attendees we will have. The team discussed liquor and beer; some members would like to have a variety of beers available. Rick suggested that Gary and Bob contact Woods Wholesale Wine, as they gave the class of 1970 a discount.

DECORATIONS UPDATE:

Dawn has scanned almost all of the "action" shots from the yearbook (about 100 photos). We can assemble them into collages at our next meeting. We plan to get green and gold balloons. 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. Ahmed Ismail also created some banners for the class of 1970; we can contact him for more info.

TICKET UPDATE:

106 tickets have been sold (68 classmates, 38 guests). To increase ticket sales, Nancy will begin sending out emails to those who have responded "Yes" or "Not Sure." The email message will inform classmates that we are at a point where we must move ahead with spending funds. We, therefore, must know attendance so we can provide enough food and drink. We are planning for a 10-20% additional ticket sales at the door.

PICNIC UPDATE:

Rick Schott gave the team a tour of the outside grounds of the Crescent Sail Yacht Club. We are planning for the band to perform on the lawn facing the lake, just outside of the first-floor gathering area. This will minimize traffic noise from Lakeshore Drive. We will ask the band to perform between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The \$400 fee for Carl Sterr's band is not included in the original ticket price. We are expecting that once we reach our breakeven point in tickets, the remainder will help pay for the band. We can also put a bucket in front of the band to collect donations. We will have full use of the grounds, grills, and Tiki Hut; however, we must share all with members and their guests who may also be at CSYC that day. There are coolers available for our use; there is some ice available, and more ice can be purchased for about \$2.00-\$2.50 per bag (from a freezer at the club). The parking lot can accommodate 50 cars. Again, we must share this space with members. Rick will submit a permit request to the city of Grosse Pointe Farms for overflow parking along Lakeshore Drive. Rick suggests that we will need two people to help direct parking and ensure that we don't have "party-crashers." After the initial influx of people, we will need at least one person to manage the parking along Lakeshore, which will be separated from traffic by cones. We are looking for volunteers who can help manage the parking and traffic concerns. We also need volunteers to assist with cleanup after the picnic.

TREASURY UPDATE:

The budget does not include dessert costs, \$400 for the band, or the \$150 rental fee for the picnic grounds. Dessert will be decided as we get closer to a final attendance count. We are hoping that any monies received after we reach break-even point will help pay for the band and the rental fee. We can also "pass the hat" and / or have a bucket available for contributions at the picnic.

ACCOMMODATIONS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

Some classmates have inquired as to local accommodations. Nancy has been directing them to the Traveler Information page on the website.

PHOTO BOOTH UPDATE:

No update.

QUESTIONNAIRE/PROFILE UPDATE:

There is a provision on the new website for classmates to enter their own personal data. So far, 30 people have posted an update. We invite all classmates to enter/update their profiles!

NAMETAG UPDATE:

Dawn has created about 50 nametags encased in a plastic covering, with a thin elastic cord; we need about 150 more. Dawn will purchase the remaining nametags and continue printing the names and picture of those attending.

MEDIA UPDATE:

The reunion details run periodically on the Parcels Middle School located at Mack Avenue and Vernier Road. The Grosse Pointe News has run an ad, and the C&G Newspapers have it posted on their website. 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.

ACTION ITEMS:

All committee members to inform Nancy of results of their individual attempts to contact classmates
Nancy to send reminder emails to "Yes" and "Not sure" responders
Don to contact Ed Eroe regarding walk-ins to his 40th reunion last year
Pam to contact the Oakland Press to advertise the reunion
All committee members to follow up with contacting missing classmates

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, 276 Lake Shore Road. Rick will confirm availability.

After that, the next scheduled meeting is May 19 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. At the April 27 meeting, we will determine the need for interim meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary