



Grosse Pointe North High School *Class of 1971*

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

May 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on May 19, 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 Don DeLaura. Not attending: Judy (Barton) MacGuidwin, Rick Schott, and Jack Barbier.

COMPARATIVE INFO:

No update.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Dawn gave Don a flash drive containing pictures of the deceased members of our class. Don will project the pictures during the evening. Don has secured all equipment necessary from Pointe Electronics; however, he needs a couple of tables from the War Memorial. The team would like to get into the War Memorial around 10:00 a.m. May 28 in order to set up. Pointe Electronics has offered to assist. The War Memorial will provide a cart on which to carry items. Don will make an announcement early in the reunion event about the music being played, requests, etc. We need to make an announcement around 11:45 p.m. that we must wrap up the evening. At the picnic, the band will play from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

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

Summary of replies

- 688 classmates in database
- 45 deceased
- 643 remaining classmates
- 160 tickets sold (110 classmates & 50 guests)
- 54 have replied "No"
- 31 more said "Yes" but haven't bought tickets yet + 19 guests = 50 potentially more
- 71 more said "Not sure" but haven't bought tickets yet + 47 guests = 118 potentially more

- 42 Profiles posted to the website

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

No update.

LOCATION UPDATE:

Dawn, Nancy, Bob and Pam finalized the menu with the GPWM (Mela). They agreed on food for 180 people. The lineup is as follows: 6:30 p.m. - fruit and cheese; 7:00 p.m. – hors d'oeuvres such as crostini, crab cakes, etc.; 7:30 p.m. – pasta bar, egg rolls and carving stations (including roast beef); 9:30 p.m. – dessert (such as cream puffs, mini-eclairs, brownies, cheesecake, petits fours, etc.) and coffee. The team members also reviewed the layout and gave a check to the GPWM. The remainder will be due after the event. There will be a captain or head steward available to us during the evening as a “go-to” person for questions/issues. There is a large screen available for projection. Gary has procured the liquor and discussed wine and beer with the team; he will purchase the quantities decided with Woods Wholesale Wine. Jack had expressed a concern about the number of bartenders; Pam confirmed that there will be two bar stations, each with two bartenders (total of four). We still need to verify with the GPWM how early we can begin setting up at the venue (we are hoping around 10:00 a.m.). We can call on Thursday, May 26; if the venue does not have another event planned for the early part of May 28, we will be able to set up early. All volunteered to help set up Saturday morning (as well as at the picnic).

DECORATIONS UPDATE:

Carol obtained the alumni banner from Pat Gast at GP North. The team discussed bringing balloons. We will set up the poster boards early Saturday. The GPWM requests that we secure items with blue painter's tape only.

TICKET UPDATE:

160 tickets have been sold (110 classmates, 50 guests). See Website Update for more information.

PICNIC UPDATE:

The CSYC board members have reconsidered their latest decision and will allow the 1971 40th Reunion to hold a picnic at the club on Sunday, May 29. They requested a copy of the canceled check, which Bob provided to them. There are some slight adjustments regarding usage of the club: we will not have use of the kitchen or inside area; however, we will be able to access the restrooms from outside. In addition, we are limited to using the west lawn and Tiki hut. Judy has offered to bring tents, poles, and related equipment as well as some tables and chairs and decorative lights. Rick has delivered a detailed schedule of activities to the team and to the CSYC board (see email from May 12, 2011). There appears to be enough money in the treasury to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, etc. for the picnic.

TREASURY UPDATE:

With 160 paid attendees, we now have enough money to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, etc. for the Sunday 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. Carol will update the information with Roger's input.

PHOTO BOOTH UPDATE:

The Shutter Booth company will arrive early at the GPWM in order to set up. They will operate for four hours. Pam will request that they take photos from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. They have contracted to bring 150 photo frames as keepsakes; they will bring a few extra, in the event we need more. They will store the photos on their website and give the team a copy of a CD of photos. Don's wife is also a photographer, and he will check with her to see if she can take roving photos.

QUESTIONNAIRE/PROFILE UPDATE:

There is a provision on the new website for classmates to enter their own personal data. So far, 42 people have posted an update. We invite all classmates to enter/update their profiles!

NAMETAG UPDATE:

Dawn is about halfway done creating nametags for those attending. Pam's sister Kady and two of her friends from the Class of 1974 will man the nametag table at the event.

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. Gary contacted Comcast and gave them the details to run on their local cable announcement stations.

CALL FOR OLD PICTURES!

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

OTHER:

Dawn was contacted by some members of the GPN Class of 1972 who asked to attend our reunion to observe and strategize for their upcoming reunion. The team agreed to allow entry to them; we will ask for a donation and ask them to refrain from partaking in the food and drink.

Carol developed an outline of a program for the evening's activities and requested that Jack be the M.C. Jack can edit as necessary for time. Carol also picked up the vinyl "Welcome Back, Alumni" banner from the school. We can hang it at both the reunion event and the picnic. We must return it to Pat Gast at GP North High School.

ACTION ITEMS:

Finalize program
Set up at event & picnic & clean up
Have fun!

There are no scheduled interim meetings between now and the actual reunion date, May 28. However, we do plan to reconvene as a team after the event to discuss lessons learned and start planning for our next reunion - - probably the 50th!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary