



Grosse Pointe North High School

Class of 1971

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

June 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Gilbert's Lodge, 22325 Harper, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, on June 4, 2009. The following people were in attendance: Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Bob Reaser, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, and Carol (Appleton) Holloway. Jack Barbier and Don DeLaura were absent, but they were part of the preliminary meeting (held in February), so they are included as part of the Planning Team.

The group will be operating as a non-profit social club, according to IRS Code 990 rules. As such, we must follow regulations. The first order of business was to nominate and confirm a Board of Directors and to nominate and elect officers. All those listed above were nominated by Bob to comprise the Board of Directors; seconded by Gary Hill. Officers were nominated and elected as follows: President – Pam Alessandro; Vice President – Jack Barbier; Secretary – Carol Holloway; Treasurer – Bob Reaser (Bob, seconded by Gary).

Bob gave the Treasurer's report. The legal name of this team is GPN 1971 Reunion Committee dba / GPN 1971 Reunion. The Board resolved to form an organization, as type and purpose stated herein. The Board will eventually resolve and approve the opening of a bank account in which to deposit funds. We will ask each board member to contribute \$25 as start-up funds. We will open the account when reunion participation becomes clear and ticket prices are set. A Board resolution will be required to open the account. The Treasurer and one other Board member shall open the account together (tentatively to be Bob Reaser and Carol Holloway).

Nancy summarized the Entertainment report on behalf of Don who was unable to attend. Don has checked into music providers (disc jockey, band, CD "jukebox" type selection, etc.). The costs for a disc jockey are between \$800 and \$3,000, which the Board felt was prohibitive. Other music types were discussed, such as bands and a CD selection. The Board thought that a band would be too loud and that most people would rather talk and mingle. Therefore, we are thinking more along the lines of pre-programmed music (from our time period), with pictures/videos flashed on a screen via a computer/projector setup.

The Board agreed that our first goal is to get the word out to as many people as possible about the upcoming 40th reunion. Our goal is to make at least 100 people aware by our next meeting (October 15). This does not mean they have to attend the reunion, but the more people we contact, the better we can plan things. The Board urges all 1971 graduates to visit the website and indicate their name, etc. so we at least have a running count of who has been contacted and who might attend. Nancy is the webmaster. Here is the website again:

<http://gpn1971.org>

Nancy has also put links to it on the Grosse Pointe School System website and Facebook. Pam added a connection to LinkedIn. We also might connect to Classmates.com.

Other methods of contacting graduates were discussed. Pam suggested checking into announcements on local radio stations. Pam will contact Deb (Wegner) Ihrle (who had worked with reunion organizations in the past) for some pointers and possible lists of names. Nancy brought a copy of the 2002 GPN Alumni directory to the meeting; this can be used to obtain names and addresses. Pam suggested that we contact the publisher of this directory for updated information. The Grosse Pointe Public Library may also have an updated registry. Dawn has compiled a list of names from the 1971 yearbook. Pam also suggested contacting the school office for information.

The reunion is tentatively planned for the evening of Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The Memorial Day weekend was chosen to allow out-of-towners to visit with their families/friends, and have some extra travel time. The board is also looking into hosting pre- and post-reunion activities, such as a breakfast and/or picnic. Dawn has been working with the War Memorial, but no contract is signed yet. Dawn will check into the possibility of booking some smaller rooms in addition to the larger main hall to allow for traffic flow and "breathing" room.

Nancy and Pam wondered how we can project attendance. Ticket prices are not set yet, because we need a headcount and more decisions need to be made as to food, etc. It is suggested that we have island tables of food, rather than a sit-down dinner. This provides more space and motivation for mingling. The War Memorial will allow us to bring in our own liquor.

Other miscellaneous items were discussed. A possible discount for paying early for tickets was mentioned; however, this will influence the budget. Online payment methods (such as PayPal) and online direct deposit methods can be considered once a bank account is established. A laptop computer can be used for front-door check-in. We may still need help with other committees, such as a Decorations Committee, pre- and post-activities, etc. All offers of assistance will be appreciated. Offers can be sent to:

[reunioncommittee@gpn1971.o](mailto:reunioncommittee@gpn1971.org)

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The next meeting is set for October 15, 2009, at Gilbert's Lodge, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary