



Grosse Pointe North High School

Class of 1971

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

May 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. at Gilbert's Lodge, 22325 Harper, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, on March 25, 2010. The following people were in attendance: Gary Hill, Dawn (Danielson) Hill, Nancy (LeRoy) Burk, Bob Reaser, Carol (Appleton) Holloway and Roger Ulmer. Not attending: Jack Barbier, Pam (Killebrew) Alessandro, and Don DeLaura.

COMPARATIVE INFO:

Nancy researched the GPN 1970 and GPS 1970 class reunions to compare venues, activities, prices, etc.

- GPN 1970 has planned 3-day event for June 18-20 (Friday night BYO get-together at Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Saturday dinner at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with cash bar, & Sunday BYO picnic). Ticket prices are comparable to what we have been discussing. Their class reunion will also coordinate a fundraiser for the school. They are also offering a tour of the school. Latest info tells us that they are expecting around 200 people.
- GPS 1970 plans a party with a band at Bayview Yacht Club on August 7. Again, ticket prices are similar to what we are planning.
- Bob talked to a neighbor who recently celebrated her GPS 50th reunion. That event was a sit-down dinner and dancing to a DJ at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Ticket prices were a little higher for a sit-down dinner.

ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Don was unavailable, but he did email some information about the GPN 1970 reunion, as well. If we utilize an internet music site, we must ensure that GPWM is internet-ready. Dawn said that Don had already verified that; however, we are unsure if there are any costs associated with that.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION UPDATE:

As of May 20, 167 people have registered on the website; 83 Yes responses to attend reunion; 81 Maybe; 1 No; 2 no indication (this count does not include spouses/guests). Nancy has updated the "Help Us Find Classmates" web page with a list of classmates still to be contacted. If your name appears on the list (or you know of others on the list), please advise the reunion committee of your intentions. If you plan to attend, great! If not, just let us know so we don't continue to contact you.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

See above website update.

LOCATION UPDATE:

A deposit has been made with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for Saturday, May 28, 2011. Suggested start time is 6:30 p.m. We must vacate the premises by midnight. Nancy and Dawn will visit the GPWM to check out menu selections and determine a food budget. We think a "strolling buffet" format will work well (several small food stations scattered throughout the venue). Bob investigated State of Michigan liquor regulations. The State of Michigan publishes a list of minimum retail price for shelf liquor. We may also be required to file an event license with the state. We will also probably have to purchase liquor liability insurance (GPWM does not provide this).

PICNIC UPDATE:

We are looking for someone to help organize a picnic (probably for Sunday, May 29). Nancy will reach out to some folks who have responded "Yes" to attending the reunion. If you would like to help, please contact any reunion committee member. See previous minutes for suggestions.

TREASURY UPDATE:

Bob has opened a bank account in order to manage eventual finances. Each committee member has contributed toward the initial deposit.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The following activities were suggested for the event:

- Questionnaire or synopsis of all classmates' updates for the past 40 years; we are looking for someone to lead or assist with developing a method to obtain/publish info
- Photo booth on location; Dawn will provide details
- Trinkets or gifts for attendees (possibly frames for above photos)

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Carol mentioned that at the 40th anniversary celebration of the GPN school building (held April 25, 2008 at the War Memorial), decorations included school memorabilia from that era. We will discuss further.
- We would like to have a Master of Ceremonies. We will contact Jack Barbier (Class President) to check his availability.

ACTION ITEMS:

Nancy & Dawn to evaluate food selections at GPWM
Dawn to contact other reunion teams for pointers on budget, etc.

HELP WANTED!

The Reunion Committee is a small group of people trying to plan a fairly large gathering. We will gratefully accept assistance in all aspects of this event, whether it be reunion, picnic, decorations, music, etc. Please think of an area where you can lend a hand!

The next meeting is set for Thursday, July 29, 2010, at Gilbert's Lodge, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Holloway
Secretary