

Minutes of Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 50th Reunion Committee Meeting

April 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Attending via Zoom were: Judy Barton MacGuidwin, Pam Killebrew Alessandro, Nancy LeRoy Burk, Carol Appleton Holloway, Don DeLaura, Roger Ulmer. Attending via phone was Jack Barbier. Bob Reaser attempted to join the meeting but was unable to do so.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy reported that she sent an email blast several days ago to classmates for whom we have an email address. We know of 702 names from our class, and there are 84 known deceased. That leaves 618 available classmate names. We have email addresses for 317 classmates. Nancy has received 161 responses acknowledging receipt of the email blast so far.

Nancy will send another email in about a week to those who haven't responded to the first one.

Notification of 50th reunion plans is also on the GPN1971 website.

Pam and Don will utilize LinkedIn to try to locate other classmate email addresses.

The reunion team acknowledges that some people may not want to participate in a class reunion; we just want to ensure that we notify as many classmates as possible.

DATE

The reunion committee has tentatively chosen a date of Saturday, September 18, 2021 for our 50th class reunion.

VENUE/LOCATION

Several ideas for a venue were discussed: Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores, The War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms, The Edsel Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores, and The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Shores. The team prefers a location near Lake St. Clair.

Nancy will inquire about the Edsel Ford House; however, they have some restrictions regarding their catering service and alcoholic beverages.

Pam will inquire of the Yacht Club if we can temporarily reserve the September 18 date.

TREASURY/FUNDING

The reunion bank account has only a few hundred dollars at this time. We will need seed money to secure deposits for venue, entertainment, etc. Nancy's email welcomed any monetary contributions. Also, Pam will contact Craig Henderson, who is willing to discuss funding.

COMPARATIVE INFO

Don will contact Rick Schott from the class of 1970 to check on their plans and progress.

OTHER

Judy expressed concern about the current GPN graduating class, given that the COVID-19 pandemic has cancelled school and associated activities for the remainder of the school year. Judy wondered if the class of 1971 could do something to honor the class of 2020, such as a parade or banners. Some schools are posting congratulatory signs on graduating seniors' lawns. However at this time, it does not appear that we can do much.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 6:00pm via Zoom. In the meantime, the team is asked to review action items assigned and report at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol (Appleton) Holloway
Secretary