

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

June 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. via Zoom. Attending via Zoom were: Judy Barton MacGuidwin, Pam Killebrew Alessandro, Nancy LeRoy Burk, Carol Appleton Holloway, and Roger Ulmer. Jack Barbier attended via phone. Scott Beever attempted to join the Zoom session, but was having technical difficulties (for the record, Zoom had changed their download administration May 31, so several of us had difficulty opening the session). Don DeLaura and Bob Reaser were unable to attend.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy gave a recap of the email blast announcements: 324 emails sent, 18 returned undeliverable, 222 responded that they received the email, 84 have not yet responded. We have no contact information whatsoever for 294 classmates. Unfortunately, we know of 84 deceased.

Pam and Don have not yet begun their searches on LinkedIn but plan to do so soon.

The team intends to continue our outreach communications. Each member is encouraged to use their own judgment as to communication methods (phone, email, Facebook, etc.).

VENUE/LOCATION

Pam contacted the GPYC asking for a price list so we can determine some estimates but she has not heard back yet (they may not have opened yet due to the Coronavirus). Pam gave a headcount estimate of 200 people, just to get some food ideas. We would like to have a similar setup to the 45th reunion (several food stations set up).

There was much discussion about whether to have a free open bar. This is subject to whether enough donations are received to help fund the ticket price. A couple suggested options: if we get enough donations to cover ticket price, have a cash bar; give everyone two free drink tickets to start. More discussion to come.

Pam requested that the GPYC hold the date of September 18, 2021 for us; again, she is awaiting confirmation from the GPYC. Pam's brother, Kevin Killebrew, can be our sponsor.

TREASURY/FUNDING

We have received donations from two classmates.

Bob transferred much of the financial work and bank documentation to Nancy. She still needs to get the checkbook. Nancy has become the new Treasurer of the Reunion Committee. Carol will be added as an additional signer at the bank, if a need arises.

Roger suggested that we could ask classmates to donate frequent flyer miles to other classmates who would like to attend the reunion, but may find the cost of traveling from other states plus tickets, plus lodging, etc. to be prohibitive.

COMPARATIVE INFO

We heard that some classes from both North and South are thinking of holding a "combined" class reunion for several classes, and possibly even a joint reunion for some North and South classes. At this time, the team prefers to have our own separate class reunion.

TICKETS

Ticket price for the 45th reunion was \$55 each, plus cash bar. For the 50th, we are attempting to have donations cover the cost of ticket to make travel and possible open bar affordable for more attendees.

The next meeting will be in September, 2020 (no specific date set yet). Everyone have a safe and happy summer!

Respectfully submitted,
Carol (Appleton) Holloway
Secretary