

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

October 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. via Zoom. Attending via Zoom were: Judy Barton MacGuidwin, Pam Killebrew Alessandro, Nancy LeRoy Burk, Carol Appleton Holloway, and Jack Barbier. Scott Beaver, Roger Ulmer, Don DeLaura, and Bob Reaser were not in attendance.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy reported the following response statistics from outreach emails (as of October 12):

673 total classmates

320 emails sent out (we are missing many valid email addresses)

88 responses

53 classmates say they'll come (plus 30 guests) = 83

16 classmates say they might come (plus 7 guests) = 23

19 classmates say they will not be coming

If you total the two categories of classmates and guests who are considering coming, we already have 106 potential attendees.

For comparison, at our 40th reunion, we had 174 attendees (181 paid), and at our 45th reunion, we had 90 attendees (61 classmates plus 29 guests).

The plan is to send another reminder email after the first of the year. The reunion committee divided up the Lost Classmate List among the team, and we have been working on finding valid email addresses. Pam and Don have the ability within LinkedIn to research names. A few former classmates offered to help last year (Sherry Neuder Bradow, Kathy Rogers), so perhaps we can enlist their help again.

VENUE/LOCATION

Pam signed the Letter of Agreement with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club as the location of our 50th class reunion. A \$500 refundable deposit was given to the GPYC, and the check has been cashed. The date has been confirmed as Saturday, September 18, 2021. A cancellation clause was added and agreed to, in case of pandemic concerns on the part of attendees and/or governmental restrictions about gatherings. Pam gave the GPYC a headcount of 150 persons; this can be amended as we get closer to the date.

TREASURY/FUNDING

Nancy discussed several payment options for eventual ticket sales. PayPal will not be utilized for this reunion due to fees required. Nancy mentioned that some classmates may have received emails in error from PayPal; she asks that anyone receiving such an email ignore it. A classmate, Lynn Seeber Wentzel, suggested Venmo, and we can now accept donations to our class bank account through that service. Google Pay has also been activated and is another option. Zelle won't work with our account because our bank does not accept it for business checking accounts, which ours is. The website shows how each method can be used. At this time, the actual ticket price has not been determined; however, the reunion committee accepts donations to help fund the reunion. A link will be added to the website to click to donate.

WEBSITE

We will begin to post meeting minutes on the website for all classmates to read. A link will be added to the website to click to donate to the reunion fund.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol (Appleton) Holloway
Secretary