

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

August 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Attending via Zoom were: Judy Barton MacGuidwin, Pam Killebrew Alessandro, Nancy LeRoy Burk, Carol Appleton Holloway, Don DeLaura, Jack Barbier and Scott Beaver. Roger Ulmer was not in attendance.

### OUTREACH/COMMUNICATION

Judy will set up another MailChimp adding final details, such as tour info, mask requirements, and handicap access.

### VENUE/LOCATION

Pam confirmed with the GPYC that they will honor the pricing agreed to in our contract signed in August, 2020. Check-in will occur in the large area outside of the ballroom. Masks may be required for unvaccinated people (Pam will bring disposable masks). Regarding handicap access, most areas are accessible (there is an elevator), but Pam needs to check on how the middle level can be safely accessed. Table setup will be the same as for our 45th reunion (some hightops, some large sit-down tables, etc.).

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served outside on the patio, then we will move inside the ballroom for dinner. Food stations are similar to what we had at the 45th reunion: prime rib, mac and cheese, and possibly a salad station. Dessert consists of tortes and cakes.

Timing of service is:

6:00-7:30pm - cocktail hour

7:30-9:00pm - welcome remarks, raffle, dinner

8:00pm - possible Zoom

9:00-midnight - mingling, music, etc.

Don has an appointment on Thursday, August 26 to check electronics, acoustics, TV, internet, etc. at the GPYC.

\*\*Update: Don sent an email update August 27; a TV is provided, which will be used for the In Memoriam loop. The PA system needs repair and may or may not be usable; however, an alternative is to use a Bluetooth-wifi capable PA system for background music. Don will create a Spotify list of 1970-71 music. A classmate suggested running a Zoom session for graduates who are unable to attend the actual reunion. The team will discuss.

### TREASURY/FUNDING/FINANCIAL

So far, \$5845 in donations has been received.

### TICKETS

106 tickets have been sold; 124 people have committed to coming so a few haven't purchased tickets yet. At least 90 attendees are classmates. A final headcount is due to the GPYC by September 11.

### DECORATIONS

Pam will buy votives and candles to place on tables. Carol will try to get the "Welcome, Alumni" banner from Peggy Bonbrisco at GP North (however, some items are in outside storage due to construction at the school). We also want to get balloons as decorations.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

No update.

### WEBSITE

No update.

### SCHOOL TOUR/PICNIC

Carol finally heard back from the school regarding a tour. Tours are not available on the weekends, so we are planning a tour for Friday, September 17 at 1pm. Dr. Kate Murray, North's current principal, will host the tour. Due to construction, attendees should park in the first couple of rows in the parking lot and enter the school at the new main door. North also has a home football game that evening at 7pm, where an announcement will be made regarding the 50th reunion.

The picnic will take place at Nancy's house at noon on Sunday, September 19. The team is planning to serve hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, etc. at the picnic at Nancy's house. We will ask attendees to bring a dish to pass.

#### COMPARISON EVENTS

No update.

#### ADVERTISING

The Grosse Pointe News is running a weekly announcement, C and G Newspapers has the announcement on their website, the Parcels electronic sign displays the information, and the Grosse Pointe Magazine will publish a very nice article (including pictures), developed by editor Lauren McGregor, in the September/October issue. Since our prom theme was "We've only just begun," our 50th reunion theme is "We've only just begun ... the next fifty-one!"

#### SOUVENIRS

A decision was made not to order mugs due to shipping costs. Instead, coasters with the Norsemen logo and 50th reunion wording will be available for graduates. Pam showed a very nice mockup of the 50th reunion logo. Judy offered to supply gift certificates to her flower business as small prizes.

#### PHOTO BOOTH

A photo booth will be available at the reunion for a four-hour timespan. Pam will verify if the plastic holders will be provided.

#### LANYARDS/NAMETAGS

Lanyards and nametags have been received.

#### SURVEY QUESTIONS

The team briefly discussed the survey questions developed by Roger. More decisions need to be made.

#### PROGRAM

The team would like for Jack, as class president, to make some welcome remarks. Jack would like speech ideas from the team. We will also present the stained glass Norsemen logo to one of the donors.

#### OTHER

Carol mentioned that 2021 is also the 100th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and wondered if we should do something in conjunction with that. Carol will check with the school system to see if any celebrations are planned.

A few weeks ago, Pam notified the website classmates.com that their planned virtual reunion is not the official reunion, so as not to confuse our classmates.

The team would like to recognize the contributions to reunion activities from Bob Reaser, who passed away on August 19. Bob served as our Treasurer for many years, and his friendly smile and easygoing attitude will be greatly missed.

#### MUSIC/ELECTRONIC

See VENUE above for Don's update.

ACTION ITEMS

Please check your name within these minutes to follow up on activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol (Appleton) Holloway  
Secretary