

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

September 2, 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 Roger Ulmer. Scott Beever was not in attendance.

OUTREACH/COMMUNICATION

Judy will send out a final "last call" MailChimp, notifying everyone that the last day to purchase tickets will be September 9.

VENUE/LOCATION

A final headcount is due to the GPYC on Sept. 10. A few last-minute ticket buyers are trickling in. Check-in process will be facilitated so that we can physically come to anyone needing assistance with stairs, etc. Attendees may use valet service or park their own cars. Entry will be by the front door; check-in and nametag retrieval will be in the lobby area near the ballroom, then attendees will proceed outdoors for cocktails. Pam will check on drink ticket process (perhaps certain colors for wine, beer, etc. depending on price). Pam will also check on table setup. For hors d'oeuvres, we selected Thai chicken, spring rolls, brie in pastry puffs, and cheese quesadillas with avocado sauce. Don will set up electronics around 4-5pm and the Zoom meeting at 8-9pm. Masks are optional.

TREASURY/FUNDING/FINANCIAL

Budget is ok as compared to number of tickets sold.

TICKETS

121 tickets have been sold; 136 people have RSVPd. Nancy said three checks are in the mail.

DECORATIONS

Pam will get balloons the afternoon of Friday, September 17, and take them to the Yacht Club. Committee members will help decorate. Carol has been in contact with Peggy Bonbrisco, Student Activities Director at North, to get the "Welcome, Alumni" banner from storage, but other smaller "Welcome Back, Norsemen" banners are also available for our use.

ACCOMMODATIONS

No update.

WEBSITE

Website is updated as people sign up for tickets and additional events.

SCHOOL TOUR/PICNIC/FOOTBALL GAME

Ten people have signed up on the website for the school tour on Friday, September 17 at 1pm.

**post-meeting news: Since there is a home football game Friday evening, the current coach would like to honor all 1971 senior football players at a short halftime ceremony. Roger has been in touch with Coach Joe Drouin and many of the 1971 team members regarding this.

Fourteen people have signed up for the picnic at Nancy's house at noon on Sunday, September 19. Pam et al. will shop for food Friday afternoon after the tour. Roger offered to bring his grill and a portable canopy.

COMPARISON EVENTS

No update.

ADVERTISING

No update.

SOUVENIRS

Pam offered for Mark Reile to present his stained-glass Norsemen art piece at the reunion. A name from the \$100 or more donors will be drawn as the winner.

PHOTO BOOTH

The plastic picture holders are not included in the photo booth cost. Pam will order 125 holders next week.

LANYARDS/NAMETAGS

Graduates' nametags will show their high school picture and name; guests' nametags will only show their name.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

No update.

PROGRAM

No update.

OTHER

Carol checked with Peggy Bonbrisco from the school system regarding 100th anniversary celebrations. Peggy said at this time, they are keeping things very low-key, mostly due to Covid concerns.

Roger will set up a get-together at the Water Mark restaurant on Jefferson on the evening of Friday, September 17, to kick off the weekend.

MUSIC/ELECTRONIC

Don can set up a Spotify link during the reunion to play music. See VENUE above for more of Don's update.

ACTION ITEMS

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol (Appleton) Holloway
Secretary