

THS Class of 1969
50-Year Reunion Planning Group
Meeting Notes
February 12, 2018, 5:30 pm

The group met at the offices of Stan Hazlett, 701 SW Jackson St., in Topeka.

In attendance: Ruth Burgat Akins, Ron Balsters, David Blakely, Don Booth, Dennis Elliott, Rick Friedstrom, Martha Spees Gray, Stan Hazlett, Dan Hejtmanek, Jenith Paris Hoover, Leslie Warner Palace, Dale Warren.

- Two classmates passed away since the last meeting – Toni Burton Shenk, and Michael Escobar. Their names have been added to the In Memory page on our website.
- Class gift to THS/Historical Society: Ruth reported Joan Barker has indicated the various options and costs of items needed by the school are not yet firm. One consideration: a bench inscribed with “Gift from Class of 1969”. Suggested amount to raise from class members for gift: \$1,500.
- “Save the Date” mailer from 45-year reunion was reviewed. 50-year first mailer planned for August or September of this year. Current financial statement was reviewed by Dan, covering last reunion’s income, expenses, and current balance of about \$2,000+.
- Reunion date has been confirmed for Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, 2019 and we have a contract with the Ramada.
- Ideas from other classmates for sharing with planning group: 1) make the reunion free to anyone attending; 2) plan something for spouses; 3) focus on accomplishments of THS graduates and how this benefits Topeka.
- Jenith will draft a first mailer for review at the next meeting.
- We will encourage reunion attendees to tour the Capitol building, since its beautiful renovations have been completed.
- Discussion about possible future monthly get-togethers for classmates.
- The group reviewed the class mailing list.
- Dennis gave Jenith some CDs with images of East Topeka Junior High memorabilia for the website Memories page.
- Dale commented that he will need an attendance count for Friday night to order food. The registration form will include an rsvp for the Friday Welcome Get-together at the Warrens.
- Next meeting – Monday, July 9, 5:30 pm at Stan’s office.

Respectfully submitted by
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