

THS Class of 1969
55-Year Reunion Planning Group

Meeting Notes
June 13, 2023,
11:30 am-1:00 pm

The group met at The Celtic Fox in Topeka. In attendance: Ruth Burgat Akins, David Blakely, Don Booth, Rick Friedstrom, Martha Spees Gray, Stan Hazlett, Lynn Holt, Jenith Paris Hoover, Robin Hoover, Mark Neis, Gayle Reichman Stine, Dale Warren.

Several items that were decided at the February 28 meeting were reiterated:

- One day only (a Saturday)
 - This does not preclude classmates from organizing additional gatherings the day/evening before or day after
- No paper mailings
 - Announcements and communication via email function on class website and THS '69 Facebook page, THS Historical Society website, word-of-mouth
- No registration fees
 - RSVPs will be requested. Gayle confirmed she will volunteer to receive RSVPs via email.
- No hotel room block
- Casual attire

Venue – Mark verified he and his wife Jill will confirm the Lake Shawnee Event Center in the Bettis Family Sports Complex as soon as reservations can be made, which we understand at this time to be January 1, 2024 (NOTE: New information is that reservations can be made one year ahead, September 21, 2023). We would be able to use the facility from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Food and Drink – Mark and his crew will provide barbecue fare. We will need to furnish plates, cups, utensils, etc. and drinks. Adult beverages will be BYOB. We estimate attendance by around 50 classmates and their guests. Donations of around \$10 per person may be requested.

Martha showed an example of a cute idea for attaching old head shots of people as kids on popsicle sticks. This was done at another reunion and stuck into cupcakes.

NOTE: Although not available at this meeting, Dan's 50th Reunion financial report shows we're in good shape!

The next meeting of the Planning Group was scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, possibly at the Blue Moose.

Respectfully submitted by
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