

THS Class of 1969
50-Year Reunion Planning Group
Meeting Notes
October 3, 2017, 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, Martha Spees Gray, Stan Hazlett, Jenith Paris Hoover, Dale Warren.

- Class website survey about classmates' preferred reunion dates: Two requests have been emailed via the website.
 - Prefer September 6-7, 2019 -- 36.5%
 - Prefer September 13-14, 2019 -- 46%
 - No Preference -- 17.5%
 - Golf outing -- 20.6% Yes; 79.4% No

Because the actual number of respondents (63) is relatively low, it was suggested to send one more reminder to request a response.

- The Ramada is holding both sets of dates for us on a tentative basis. It was agreed to keep holding both dates until early 2018.
- Dennis suggested we get a Red Couch appearance on WIBW to promote the reunion locally. Contact Ralph Hipp to arrange.
- Dale Warren offered to host the Friday night welcome get-together. Approximately 50-75 people would be in attendance. Dale will cover the cost of BBQ meat and a few sides, as he can do this at a reasonable cost. He will likely recruit volunteers to help set up. Dale and Maggie's home is northwest of Topeka, near the property that was formerly McHenry's farm. There was consensus among committee members to approve this for our Friday evening event. Classmates (or the planning group) will provide a keg. Dale said we can use his house, or have a large tent available, in the event of rain. It was suggested to reserve a shelter house as an inclement weather contingency. The committee thanked Dale for his generous offer.
- Discussing reunion registration, it was agreed to encourage and promote the online process but mail paper forms as backup. Recommended to announce and email early in 2019 to those not on the class website. Include in the initial announcement a line to contribute to a donation from the class to the school. Talk to Joan Barker regarding Topeka High's wish list. Ruth will contact Joan and get costs of various projects.
- In review: Friday night at Warrens, Saturday morning at THS for breakfast (cinnamon rolls) and then a tour of the building, Saturday night party at the Ramada. No Sunday event. Those interested in a golf outing should contact Rich Malloy.
- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at Stan's office.

Respectfully submitted by
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