

THS Class of 1969
50-Year Reunion Planning Group
Meeting Notes
July 9, 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, Dale Warren.

- Martha -- has current contact info on three classmates for updating the mailing list.
- Jenith -- has recently been in contact with two classmates, both of whom are interested in receiving reunion info and gave her their current addresses, phone numbers and emails.
- There was a pretty good response to the mass emails sent via the website asking classmates to update their profiles and contact info.
- Registration processes via the website, including payment transactions -- Online payment is available through the website; however, there is a 5.9% charge to us for each transaction. All agreed to stay with submitting only registrations through the website or via paper forms, and then mailing checks to Dan. There will be a separate field for Donations on the web and paper registration forms.
- Draft copies of the first mailer was circulated and reviewed. Attendees at Friday night welcome gathering at Warrens' will not need to bring side dishes; Dale and Maggie will provide all food and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests may bring their own beer, wine, etc. A few other edits were made to the mailer draft.
- Registration fees -- it was agreed to have a cutoff date of August 31, 2019 for the \$75 per couple and \$40 per individual rates; after August 31 the prices will increase to \$90 and \$50, respectively.
- Saturday morning "breakfast" at Topeka High -- The Kanza Café is out of business, so won't be able to provide cinnamon rolls. It was determined that the school cafeteria should be able to provide them. Ruth will follow up with arranging for the school to provide cinnamon rolls, coffee, and OJ.
- Photographer Nathan Ham has been confirmed for September 14 at the Ramada. He indicated his price is still \$15 cash per photo, including junior high group photos. He may be raising his price to \$20, but indicated we should be able to plan on the \$15 price since we have booked his services this far in advance.
- Contract with the Ramada -- Sleeping rooms are \$99 for our group rate. Ballroom rental is \$600. We need to incur \$1,500 in catering charges. There is plenty of time to decide on the menu.
- Martha discussed publicity through CJ Online Events Calendar to post our reunion dates, closer to that time.
- There was discussion about assistance with logistics and placing tables and chairs at the Friday night Welcome party, to help Dale with those tasks.

- Copies of the “Lost List” were distributed and reviewed. These are classmates who have not yet posted their profile on the website and therefore their contact information can’t be confirmed as current. Several committee members took a copy of this list to work on tracking down as many as possible. Jenith can add their contact info, when found, to their profile details for them if necessary. She will email this list to all committee members.
- The committee reviewed the class website and various features available on the site.
- Next meeting – Monday, November 12, same time and place.

Respectfully submitted by
Jenith Paris Hoover

NOTE: The next meeting was later re-scheduled for Wednesday, November 14.