

THS Class of 1969
50-Year Reunion Planning Group
Meeting Notes
May 20, 2019, 5:00 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, Mark Neis, Leslie Warner Palace, Dale Warren.

- Consensus to approve a draft email to send via the website to those (with email addresses in their profiles) who have not yet registered. It is a reminder to get signed up soon and to help locate missing classmates. Will be emailed on June 1st.
- Also circulated was the current list of Missing classmates. In the two months since the list was last run on March 6, four have been “found” and postcards mailed to them; four have been removed due to learning they are deceased; and six have been added. There are 106 total.
- Dan reported he has received 16 single registrations and 27 couples, equaling 43 total registrations of 70 people.
- We still need to determine what our donation to the THS Historical Society will be. This will depend largely on the funds raised through registrations and donations. To date we have received \$780 in “extra” donations.
- Rick offered to contact a person he knows in management at Field of Greens about posting our reunion info in their online newsletter at no charge.
- Martha showed us a nice decorative donation box from a previous reunion that can be re-used as needed. She also showed us one of about a dozen silver sunflower bowls used at the last reunion for snacks on tables.
- Discussion of the Memorabilia table -- everyone will bring their own items and place them on the table, which will be located at the front of the room near the entrance. Dennis will again bring his display cases and help arrange and monitor the table.
- Martha reported she has contacted the Ramada catering department. They will allow us to bring in our own cupcakes. Martha has found a bakery where we can get 30 custom-decorated cupcakes for \$15. The group approved this for her to pursue.
- We talked about name tags. Martha has all the recycled tags from past reunions, as most folks turned theirs in when leaving. Ron and Ruth will be on a subcommittee to assemble badges and any new ones needed.
- We need to identify volunteers to manage the check-in table. The event is 4 hours long, so we will plan on 1-hour shifts of 6:45-7:45 (heaviest traffic and activity), 7:45-8:45, 8:45-9:45, and 9:45-10:45. Rick, Ruth and Leslie volunteered for first shift. Dennis and Dan volunteered for second shift. The remaining slots will be filled in with other committee members and classmates.

- Ron will assist Jenith with the AV equipment and running the slide show. She has all the photos from previous slideshows on her computer, and can transfer them to a CD or flash drive. We should be able to use her laptop but we need to borrow or rent a projector. The Ramada can furnish a screen.
- Martha reviewed the menu options available and prices. Dan reviewed items purchased for the 45-year reunion. It was agreed to let Martha proceed with ordering according to available funds.
- The returned postcards were circulated for further review. Martha will look into a couple of them.
- Leslie will contact the Capital-Journal regarding an event announcement in the classifieds or appropriate section.
- Discussion -- it was agreed we want to work with folks to encourage their attendance at the Saturday Main Event regardless of ability to pay.
- There was consensus that no additional postcard mailing is needed. We will just send the email reminder via the website.
- Dale mentioned he has reserved the Sunrise Optimist Club, 720 NW 50th St, in case of rain on Friday night. We will announce this in late August with directions. (This was the site of our 40th Reunion.)
- Next meetings were scheduled for Monday, July 22 and Monday, August 26, both at 5:00 pm at Stan's offices.

Respectfully submitted by

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