

THS Class of 1969  
50-Year Reunion Planning Group  
Meeting Notes  
July 22, 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, Dennis Elliott, Rick Friedstrom, Martha Spees Gray, Stan Hazlett, Jenith Paris Hoover, Leslie Warner Palace, Dale Warren.  
Via speakerphone: Lynn Holt

The date of our August meeting was changed from Monday, August 26 to **Tuesday, August 20**, same time and place.

Another classmate's recent death was mentioned -- Mark Mannell passed away earlier this month. Also reported -- it was recently learned that Al Maxwell passed in 2015.

Jenith showed the sample '69 patch/coaster she received from Donna Dale Wyckoff. Donna has graciously offered to make enough for each classmate attending the reunion. We will keep her apprised of the numbers as registrations continue to come in.

The Reunion Reminder email was sent via the class website on June 1. It generated a sprinkling of new registrations (approximately 16 and counting).

Also, an email was sent via the website on June 26 regarding our class donation to refurbish cafeteria chairs. Jenith had checked with Joan Barker pursuant to the THS Historical Society's announcement about this project. The cost of repairing each chair, done by 1967 THS graduate Dave Clark, is \$200. Depending on donation funds received, we will plan to donate up to \$1,000 for five chairs. They will continue to be used in the Teachers Cafeteria and each will have a sponsor nameplate indicating "Class of 1969."

Jenith asked for help in finding current email addresses for classmates that had "bouncebacks" on the website from the recent mass emails. Stan will try to contact a couple of them to get updated.

Dale said that Mark Neis will be providing the barbecue meats for the Friday night Meet & Greet. Side dishes and soft drinks will be provided. Adult beverages will be Bring Your Own.

Jenith received an email from Joan Barker, sent to coordinators of all THS reunions being held this year, with a request for "class stories" to include "significant events and achievements that happened your senior year, noted graduates, favorite teachers or classes... anything you want to share about your class." This is in preparation for THS's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021. It was agreed one of the main things all our classmates remember is that our commencement ceremony was rained out immediately following the Invocation.

We briefly discussed the possibility of a brief, general printed program for Saturday night.

Follow-up items from previous meetings:

- Rick will be reaching out to his contact at Field of Greens regarding publicity in their newsletter.
- Rick will also contact Connie Bohannon Paulsen to ask if she would be willing to take a shift monitoring the Memorabilia table.
- Ruth and Ron are set to coordinate assembling name tags.
- Leslie will be contacting the Topeka Capital-Journal to get our announcement and dates into the paper and CJ Online.

Stan reported he has received some sign-ups for the Golf event – about 10 so far. Payment will be collected on-site at the event.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 5:00 pm at Stan's offices. (Note change of original date.)

Respectfully submitted by

Jenith Paris Hoover

**NOTE: The next meeting was later re-scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, same time and place.**