

THS Class of 1969  
50-Year Reunion Planning Group  
Meeting Notes  
August 21, 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, Mark Neis, Jenith Paris Hoover, Dale Warren.

- The final Reunion Reminder email was sent via the class website on August 16. It is generating more new registrations and profile updates.
- The beta report on our website Event Planner shows 154 classmates and their guests for Saturday night. Dan has records of payments from checks he has received in the mail. Around 15 registrants indicate they will pay at the door by either check or cash.
- A new event has been added for Sunday afternoon – Bruce Honeyman and Mark McHenry have reserved Snyder’s Cabin in Gage Park for all who would like to continue the weekend. It will be a “Bring Your Own Everything” including food, beverages, kids, dogs (on leash!), Frisbees, and musical instruments. All are invited from 1-5 p.m.
- We reviewed Registration Table duty for Saturday night, with committee assignments for each of four shifts.
- We discussed the sign-in process. We will have spreadsheets with names of registrants showing if paid and amount or if payment is due. There will be a line for Last Names A-L and Last Names M-Z. Those who registered by August 31 owe \$40/person and those who registered after August 31 owe \$50/person. There will also be a line for Walk-Ins (\$50/person) with a blank spreadsheet to record names and amounts paid.
- It was suggested to have a blank notebook or guestbook for people to write their names and brief messages if desired.
- Our Donations revenue for the cafeteria chairs refurbishing project is looking good. Martha and Jenith will bring the Donation box and sign to the Friday night Welcome Party as well as Saturday night.
- The hotel will let us into the Grand Ballroom at 3:00 Saturday. This should give us time to get everything set up and then leave if necessary to go home and change clothes, etc., and be back by 6:30-6:45.
- Ruth talked about the name tags. She will hand-letter peel-off tags for classmates and guests Friday night and Saturday morning, and guests on Saturday night. The planning group approved a peel-off name tag with a gold border for this purpose. Ruth and Nancy Wilson Ellison will assemble the classmates’ circle badges for Saturday night.

- Martha will bring the silver sunflower bowls and party mix Friday night as well as Saturday. She will order cupcakes for Saturday night when we have a better idea of the numbers. She reviewed menu items for the buffet, and all approved the choices. We can order more food that night if necessary. Martha is also working with the hotel staff to have the Ramada's marquee feature our reunion as we did for our 45<sup>th</sup>.
- Ruth mentioned she and Jenith will cover the cost of Saturday morning cinnamon rolls and coffee at Topeka High for 75-100 people. Ruth has talked with the contact person at THS and arranged the order for this.
- Rick reported he has confirmed current THS Principal Rebecca Morrissey to meet and welcome us before the tours begin Saturday morning. He will contact THS Historical Society President Steve Holloman to see if he would be able to be there as well.
- Mark described the food he is providing for Friday night at the Warrens'. There will be beef tenderloin, smoked turkey, ham, cheesy potatoes, and coleslaw. Maggie Warren is ordering cookies from Josey Bakery. Bottled water will be provided. Any adult beverages will be Bring Your Own.
- Stan reported the golf event registrations are now up to around 25 people.
- Several committee members donated money to pay for balloons for Saturday night decorations.
- The next, and last, meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 5:00 pm at Stan's offices.

Respectfully submitted by

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