

THS Class of 1969
55-Year Reunion Planning Group

Meeting Notes
February 28, 2023,
11:30 am-1:30 pm

The group met at Annie's Place in Topeka. In attendance: Ruth Burgat Akins, Ron Balsters, Don Booth, Dennis Elliott, Martha Spees Gray, Andrea Holt, Lynn Holt, Jenith Paris Hoover, Robin Hoover, Susan Kendall, Mark Neis, Gayle Reichman Stine, Dale Warren.

Planning group members have recently been contacted by classmates inquiring about a possible 55-year reunion in 2024; we met today to start the ball rolling on possibilities. The group has agreed this and future reunions or get-togethers will be greatly scaled back from previous events and will likely have smaller attendance:

- One day only (a Saturday)
 - This does not preclude classmates from organizing additional gatherings the day/evening before or day after
- No paper mailings
 - Announcements and communication via email function on class website and THS '69 Facebook page, THS Historical Society website, word-of-mouth
- No registration fees
 - RSVPs will be requested. Gayle volunteered to receive RSVPs via email.
- No hotel room block
- Casual attire

Venue – Mark has looked into shelter house availability and costs at both Gage Park (more expensive) and Lake Shawnee. We will need to reserve EARLY, immediately after January 1st, 2024. All shelter houses at Lake Shawnee are already booked on weekends for the remainder of 2023. Mark will be in charge of researching and reserving a facility, hopefully the new Event Center adjacent to Bettis Sports Center ball diamonds just west of Croco Road.

Food and Drink – Food trucks were suggested and discussed. Attendees could order what they want and pay on their own. Herman's Meat & Smokehouse was suggested as another option with reasonable catering rates. [Mark can also provide barbecue fare very reasonably.]

Date – Agreed that Fall is preferred time of year. Tentatively set date for Saturday, September 21, 2024. It is hoped that we can also have informal quarterly get-togethers, such as lunches in various locations.

We will have a better idea of our fund balance when we can look at Dan's 50th Reunion financial report.

The next meeting of the Planning Group was scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023, again at Annie's Place.

Respectfully submitted by
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