

THS Class of 1969
55-Year Reunion Planning Group

Meeting Notes
November 7, 2023
11:30 am-1:00 pm

The group met at The Blue Moose in Topeka. Classmates in attendance: Ruth Burgat Akins, Ron Balsters, Linda Evans Canady, David Blakely, Don Booth, Steve Dyer, Dennis Elliott, Dan Hejtmanek, Rick Friedstrom, Martha Spees Gray, Lynn Holt, Jenith Paris Hoover, Robin Hoover, Mark Neis, Dale Warren. Guests: Ruth Dyer, Andrea Holt, Jill Micheaux.

Linda Canady was welcomed as a new member of the planning group. Steve Dyer was welcomed and thanked for volunteering to communicate with musician classmates to provide music at the reunion.

Mark reported he and Jill reserved Reynolds Lodge at Lake Shawnee as soon as it was available for reservations. (Our original plan for the Bettis Event Center will not work out due to possible road construction and other issues.) We will have Reynolds Lodge on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10:00 am until 10:30 pm, including set-up and clean-up time. A Call for Volunteers to assist with set-up and tear-down/clean-up will be sent to attendees closer to the date. Permit cost is \$475, which has been paid.

Mark confirmed he and his crew will provide a full barbecue meal. Mark will supply tablecloths, paper plates, cups, plastic "silver" ware, and serving utensils, water, decaf iced tea, and cleaning supplies. Attendees may bring their own adult beverages. We estimate attendance by around 50 classmates and their guests, or around 100 people. Donations of \$10 per person will be requested and any "leftover" funds will go toward a Class Gift to the THS Historical Society.

Steve said he has emailed several musician classmates who might be interested in participating in a jam session at the reunion. He has heard back from a few, some of whom will be attending and some who won't be able to or aren't sure yet. He will continue to work on this.

Jenith mentioned the class website subscription has been renewed through December 2, 2028 at a cost of \$323, which has been paid. She also noted there have been several classmates who have recently passed away and were added to the website's In Memory page and Class of '69 Facebook page.

The next meeting of the Planning Group was scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, possibly at Skinny's.

Respectfully submitted by
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