

THS Class of 1969
55-Year Reunion Planning Group

Meeting Notes
May 15, 2024
11:30 am-1:00 pm

The group met at Skinny's Sports Bar & Grill in Topeka. Classmates in attendance: Ron Balsters, Ruth Burgat Akins, Dennis Elliott, Linda Evans Canady, Rick Friedstrom, Stan Hazlett, Lynn Holt, Robin Hoover, Mark Neis, Jenith Paris Hoover, Martha Spees Gray. Guests: Andrea Holt.

Name Tags – The group decided that we will ask classmates to bring and wear their pin-on buttons with senior yearbook pictures if they can locate them. Generic peel-and-stick name tags will be available for those without the traditional circular buttons. Martha will look to see if she has name badges turned in from the 50th reunion.

Registration – Jenith mentioned Gayle Reichman Stine is putting together a spreadsheet with RSVPs received to date. Gayle estimates so far there are around 50 attendees. Several planning group members have not yet sent their RSVP email to Gayle and promised to do so soon.

Memorabilia/Decor Update – Rick said that Joan Barker is working on gathering some items we can borrow. Mark offered that he can supply gold tablecloths; it was agreed to purchase black paper napkins.

Group Photo – Jenith has not contacted our photographer, Nathan Ham, about providing photos for this reunion. She will get in touch with him ASAP. Since the event goes from 1:00 til 9:00 p.m., it was decided that the best time for the photo op would be shortly before the main meal is served, around 4:00 p.m. If Nathan is available, this information will be included in the next email blast to classmates. (NOTE: This has now been confirmed, for 4:00 p.m.)

Food and Facility Update -- Mark gave an update on his crew (from THS '06 class) who will prepare and serve the food. Beginning at 1:00 there will be a Taco Bar. Around 4:00 or 4:30 the main meal will be served, (NOTE: This has now been changed to 5:00 p.m.) including prime rib and beef tenderloin, twice baked potatoes, a special spinach salad, and rolls. We decided to check into Nothing Bundt Cakes to provide dessert.

The cost to us for the food was discussed, and it was estimated that \$10 per person will not be enough to cover our expenses. While we do have some funds in our reunion account, it was agreed to increase the requested amount to \$15 per person. Jenith will make that change on the website homepage and in the next email to classmates. We will have a sign that indicates extra money collected at the event will be donated to the THSHS.

Jenith will send the registration reminder via the website around the first of June, to avoid end-of-school activities and Memorial Day events.

The next meeting of the Planning Group was scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024, again at Skinny's.

Respectfully submitted by

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