

THS Class of 1969
55-Year Reunion Planning Group

Meeting Notes
July 16, 2024
11:30 am-1:00 pm

The group met at Skinny's Sports Bar & Grill in Topeka. Classmates in attendance: Ron Balsters, David Blakely, Ruth Burgat Akins, Steve Dyer, Dennis Elliott, Linda Evans Canady, Rick Friedstrom, Lynn Holt, Robin Hoover, Mark Neis, Jenith Paris Hoover, Gayle Reichman Stine, Dale Warren. Guests: Ruth Dyer, Andrea Holt, Jill Michaux.

Registration – Jenith mentioned a couple of classmates who have contacted her since the email reminder was sent via the website, expressing regrets that they won't be able to attend due to previous commitments. They thanked the planning group members for "doing such a super job." Gayle's spreadsheet listing attendees to date was circulated, showing 73 attendees including classmates and guests; Jill added a few names not on the list.

Facility Update – Jenith reported attending an event at Reynolds Lodge recently, indicating it was set up for 80 people which was somewhat "cozy." Maximum capacity according to SCPR website is 200. We discussed ways we could be creative with tables and seating, utilizing the back covered patio if necessary. It was agreed this will be preferable to having too much space and should encourage mingling and conversation.

Setup and Decorating – It was noted that Martha volunteered to be onsite early to help with setup. Ruth and Gayle will be there to assist. Jill will create a chart detailing various tasks and when they need to be done, and will bring it to the next meeting for sign-ups. Rick volunteered to bring ice. Dennis agreed to oversee a Memorabilia table. Rick and Ron will arrange to go to THS and let Joan Barker know what Historical Society items we would like to borrow for decor.

Signs and Print Materials – Jenith has received an estimate (around \$50) from ProPrint to print 100 programs as well as 3-4 signs for In Memory classmates and our class donation request. We will check with Joan Barker to see which of the Historical Society Wish List items is most pressing and will use that on the signage inviting free will donations. It was agreed we do not want to increase the attendance fee from \$15 to have funds available for our class donation, as \$15 should cover the food costs; there will also be the \$20 per photo cash expense for the group photo by Nathan Ham.

Dale said there have been no sign-ups to date for a tour of Topeka Civic Theater/Gage School Saturday morning, but he is still willing to lead a group. Vicky Vernon has offered to assist.

The next meeting of the Planning Group was scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Jenith will make a reservation at Annie's Place, if available.

Respectfully submitted by

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