

THS Class of 1969
55-Year Reunion Planning Group

Meeting Notes
August 27, 2024
11:30 am-1:00 pm

The group met for the final planning luncheon at Annie's Place in Topeka. Classmates in attendance: Ron Balsters, Patti Beach Hills, Don Booth, Ruth Burgat Akins, Linda Evans Canady, Rick Friedstrom, Stan Hazlett, Dan Hejtmanek, Lynn Holt, Robin Hoover, Mark Neis, Jenith Paris Hoover, Martha Spees Gray, Gayle Reichman Stine, Dale Warren. Guest Planning Group Members: Andrea Holt, Jill Michaux.

Jill reviewed a Task List Chart she created illustrating various to-dos, times, and who is handling those items (see separate document). We have access to Reynolds Lodge at 10:00 a.m. Tables and chairs will need to be arranged; each table accommodates 8-9 chairs. Jill, Mark, and their family members will handle all catering set-up and serving. They have purchased gold plastic tablecloths.

A registration table will be set up neat the front entrance. One or two tables for Memorabilia will be placed appropriately. Lynn is providing a sound system with speakers and one microphone and will cue up his sound track of "oldies" for low-level music in the background. Dan will bring cash and a strongbox to collect payments by cash and/or checks. The oval sunflower decoupage box (made several reunions ago by Andrea Holt) will be used for freewill donations to THSHS. Dan and Mark will get together following the reunion to reconcile income and expenses.

Group photos will be taken by Nathan Ham around 4:00. May need to be outside on the patio for best lighting; Nathan should be able to identify the best location. The main buffet will start serving around 5:00. Planning group members will be available as needed throughout the day to help with registration and sign-in (including our Guest Book used at every reunion since the 20th), replenishing drinks/supplies, etc. We will need to clean up, dispose of trash, move everything back to how we found it, and be out by 10:30.

The group agreed to contribute our freewill donations to enhancement of the Welcome Desk in the front foyer of Topeka High. Jenith is making a sign to encourage these donations.

Martha showed an example of a black-and-gold Trojan head that will be used to anchor balloons. She plans to put these on about half of the tables, with the other half having the pewter sunflower dishes with light snacks (i.e. candy, nuts). Martha is also in charge of name tags, and will use the round plastic badges with senior pictures for those for whom we have photos. Generic tags will be used for guests and others.

Dale said he will lead a short tour of old Gage Elementary School (now Topeka Civic Theater) at 10:00 a.m. for those interested. Our classmates are also invited to tour the Halls of Troy from 10:00 til 12:30 with other classes if they would like to.

It was agreed to send out one more email blast encouraging attendance. Our deadline of September 1st will be flexible.

Respectfully submitted by

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