

Summary of 2017 All School Reunion Surveys

1. What did you like best about the reunion?

Meeting with old friends. Banquet.

2. Should the All School Reunion continue to be scheduled with Santa Fe Trail Days?

Most thought it was OK, but not much to offer.

The SFTD committee plans the downtown events. Information will be given to them to let them know that you would enjoy more events downtown.

3. Should there be a banquet?

Most felt that a banquet, or picnic meal should be held.

Some commented that they would like a shorter program. Other than the Veteran's slide show this year, the recognition, and roll call, and fight song were pretty much all that was on the program. We feel that those items are important for the event. We will think about this as we plan the next program.

4. What suggestions do you have to improve the next reunion?

Larger font on name tags. The name tags are printed through the alumni website. We are able to print the tags for all who are registered. The font that was used was the largest we were able to use.

We will take in to consideration that some suggested that the name tags be up higher, maybe with clip name tags or just the write your own name, stick on name tags. Having the senior picture on all name tags would be wonderful, but that would be many, many pictures to scan and get put into a print program with each name and graduation year entered. Again, maybe more time and effort than the committee wants to take on. If there is someone who would like to do it, go for it!!! Perhaps that is something that you could do for your individual class.

Raise screens higher or have a larger screen. We have used a larger screen at the first reunion. This year the TVs were donated for use so we thought we would see how they worked. Will see what can be done for next time.

Having floats for all years or all special years in the parade? If each one had a float that would be a lot of flatbed trailers and hay bales!!! Maybe the idea of having a float for the 10th, 25th and 50th would work. Each class is certainly encouraged to enter a float in the parade.

The involvement of the committee providing for individual class get togethers seems to be a bit more than the committee might be able to do with all the other things they are doing. Perhaps there are volunteers or classes that would like to take this on as a way to help with the reunion. There is time available to have your individual gatherings. Any time through the weekend except the banquet time could

be used for whatever your class would want to do. Your class might even be willing to sponsor or host an event for the entire Alumni group.

There were many people who would like to be able to sit with their class as the banquet. The committee is discussing ways that we might be able to accomplish this.

A suggestion was made to have 2 representatives from each class work to plan their class involvement. That is an absolutely wonderful idea. We will work to make that happen. Any volunteers now??

Sponsor a golf tournament? That would be fun too. Any alumni Country Club members ready to do that?

Get more people, especially the younger ones to attend. Does anyone have suggestions on how to make this happen? We have talked about having a DJ, or Karaoke night instead of a band. We would like to hear your thoughts and ideas. They might work!

Have picture taken inside. Yup, good idea, we are already discussing that. Have time for each individual class pictures. Perhaps there could be a sheet for classes to sign up for picture times. Each class would be responsible to notify everyone in their class the time and place for the picture

There was a suggestion to give a scholarship to a graduate. Great idea. Will this money come out of the reservation fee for the reunion? We did donate money to the school Art Department, Cheerleader program, and Athletic program this year to repay the students for helping with the reunion. One of the purposes of the Laned Alumni Association as stated in our by-laws is to make donations to the School District.

Biscuits and Gravy for breakfast?? YUM! YUM!!

There was a request to tour the elementary schools. If you attended the first year, this was part of the reunion, with buses making the rounds with the alumni. We opted to just tour the present elementary school and the new elementary school this time.

We are pleased that you like the Larned history slide show from last reunion. We had planned to show that, but there was so much effort and love put into gathering the huge amount of veteran's pictures and putting them together, that we wanted to make sure it was well shared. And it was easier to see at the theater wasn't it? Missy has already started working on next reunions history slide show. She would love to have alumni send class pictures, or town & community pictures.

Banquet and dance at the community center? That is an idea. If we are working in collaboration with the Santa Fe Trail Days, we will try our best to coordinate our events so they meet the needs of both organizations.

Alumni band sounds like fun. Don't know when you would have time to practice tho. I think we already have a committee member with her flute out ready to play! Could maybe use a flat bed trailer since marching and playing might be a

little taxing for some of the more experienced band members. Maybe someone would like to organize that?

Balloons were a little confusing. We first considered doing luminaries, and then decided on the balloons. We did very well on getting money for the water tower with this. I don't know where the confusion came as far as the balloons being marked with class years instead of individual names of deceased alumni. Anyway, we are sorry for the confusion.

Have a list of deceased class members to buy balloons for. We don't have a list of all the deceased classmates, or all your classmates for that matter. We only have the names of those who have registered themselves, or those deceased who have been entered by former classmates, or family.

Some would like to have a list of all who attended or were registered for the reunion, as well as addresses. I don't think we have the authority to give out personal addresses for the classmates. It could be possible to make it so you could pull up the list of those attending from the website. The committee is already talking about ways to make names possible for the next reunion.

5. Would you be willing to help with the planning of the next reunion?

Funny thing, there were not many alumni volunteers to help with the planning of the next reunion but there were many suggestions for things to include. We would love to have more Alumni involved with planning and executing the event.

6. When should we have the next reunion?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 years?

Looks like many are inclined to think 4 or 5 years would be a good time for the next reunion.

There was a comment about doing the reunion on years ending in a 5 or 0. The reason we set the reunion year on an off year was so the same classes would not always have the big 5 or 0 reunion year at every reunion.

Thank you to all who entered suggestions for our next reunion. We will consider those suggestions and see if we can make the next reunion the best one ever. See you at the next reunion!!!