

Sunday, June 1, 2008 1:00 to 3:00 PM Panera Bread 3625 Fishinger Blvd Hilliard, OH 43026-7559

## **ATTENDEES**

Rob Alexander, Brooke Dowler, Kristy Getman, and Joy Ella (Colucci) Taylor

## **MINUTES**

- The first task was to confirm some of the major decisions made at the last meeting.
  - Reunion Date: In the first meeting, the group picked the reunion dates to be June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in 2009 (Father's Day Weekend). In this meeting, those in attendance felt that there were too many risks associated with holding the reunion events on Father's Day weekend. For example, it assumes that everyone's fathers still live in central Ohio. It also neglects to consider that many classmates have spouses whose fathers will likely be left out of the picture unless they too live in central Ohio. The group felt that the reunion itself would be sufficient to draw classmates back home if they live out-of-town. With that in mind, the group changed the reunion dates to July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in 2009. Brooke says that July and August were less busy as far as events are concerned. The group agreed that July was preferable to August, since it's generally less hot outside.
  - o **Reunion Activities**: In the first meeting, the group agreed to host three events over this weekend that include a Friday night mixer/barhop, a Saturday afternoon family picnic/potluck, and a Saturday evening banquet. The group still believed this decision was a good one and confirmed it during this meeting. In addition, the group discussed timeframes for the Saturday events. It was decided that the family picnic/potluck would be held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and the banquet would be held from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. This would allow sufficient time in between events to do teardown and setup.
  - Ticket Prices: In the first meeting, the group agreed to plan for a ticket price between \$25 and \$40 per person, aiming for the lower end of that range if possible. This decision was confirmed today.
  - Committee Structure/Assignments: In the first meeting, the group decided that the
    reunion planning committee should be kept small and not be broken down into
    subcommittees to which work would be delegated. In this meeting, after some discussion,
    the group agreed that the committee should be kept small so as to aid in decision-making,

but that there needs to be some accountability and direction. To accomplish that, certain things should be assigned to certain people.

- Brooke agreed to be responsible for catering and banquet site selection.
- Joy Ella agreed to be responsible for the family picnic/potluck and the Friday night mixer (if no one else wants to do this).
- Rob agreed to be responsible for communications including the website, invitations, and other notifications.
- Kristy agreed to be responsible for the financial aspects including setting up bank accounts and maintaining the committee's budget.
- Still need other committee members to volunteer to be responsible for the Friday night mixer, locating classmates, banquet activities and décor, keepsakes (tshirts, memory books, etc.).
- Banquet and Catering: Next, the group discussed potential banquet sites and catering options. After considerable discussion, the consensus was to look first at restaurants that have facilities for large groups. Before the next meeting, Brooke will research options and pricing at Old Bag of Nails, Raymond Memorial and Schmidts. Brooke used to work at Old Bag of Nails in Westerville and has seen other classes hold their reunions there. She is confident that it would be an economical option for our class. The question is whether it will be big enough to accommodate us if we have an overwhelming turnout. We discussed having cocktail tables (without chairs) rather than a sit-down meal so as to allow for more people to attend if overcrowding should become a problem. The group also agreed that serving heavy hors d'ouvres rather than a full meal is an option to consider as this would probably be cheaper. Brooke agreed to have several options, including some conventional banquet sites, for the planning committee to consider at the next meeting. We plan to nail down a site at the next meeting.
- Family Picnic: Next, the group tackled the decision on which site to use for the family picnic/potluck. A couple of the previously mentioned sites were ruled out including Jackson Lake as it is not a very nice setting to hold a reunion event as well as Chestnut Ridge as their picnic shelter is not large enough to accommodate such a large group. There was some discussion that it might be a good idea to hold the family picnic in close proximity to the banquet site to make it more convenient for people who are in hotels. Right now, Slate Run is our best option, but we're holding off on a final decision until we know where the banquet is being held and we consider our options more for the picnic site.
- Locating Classmates: The group then discussed a strategy and plan for locating classmates. As of now, we have located 1/3 of the classmates, which is a great start. Going forward, it was suggested that we hold at least one "search party" (probably in Dayton to include Joy, Rob, and maybe Kyle Courtright) before the next meeting. The group also agreed that Keeley (Smith) Ewing would be a great person to lead the efforts in finding classmates since she seems to be so personable and well-connected to the people we graduated with. We'll see if she agrees. There was also some discussion about the need to invite people we went to school with for several years but didn't necessarily graduate with because they moved out of the school district (i.e. Ben Kleszczelski, Michelle Johnson, Shaun Meloy, Amy Glenn, Jessica Bonnette, Hillary Burton, Mike Pearce, Ben Shaw, Jason Uhl, Donald Orr, Justin Acton, Estelle Beatty, Michael Bowers, Jamie Braden, Joey Doane, Luke Fairchild, Sarah Messmore, Slade Schultz, Andy Wikoff, and Rusty Sharp)
- **Next Meeting**: Decided that the next meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup>. Brooke will send information about potential site and catering options to the planning committee one week ahead so that those who cannot come to the meeting can still e-mail their comments prior to the meeting and have them be considered.