

Mac Arthur 50th Reunion Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Chester's @ Hollywood Park, 11:30 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Fabian Castillo, John Bodenman, Sweetie Rodriguez (Bodenman), Shellie Bowman (Liles), Kay Brooks (Judkins), Paula Ernst, Vandy Dinkins (Lange), LaVerne Blaschke (Dysart), Connie Cox (Cunningham), Rick Sartor, Debbie Turner (Miller), Steve Hart, Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle), Butch Gerfers, Larry Armstrong, Suzi Bibb (Cuddy)

Bank Account New signers, in addition to Butch Gerfers, are Rick Sartor and Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle). The latter two signers will replace Dolores Dixon (Lasswell) and Kathie Kopec (Maxfield).

Saturday Night Venue Reviewed the location of the venue to be held at the Petroleum Club Saturday, May 30th, 2020

Friday Night Venue Presentations were given by those who visited possible Friday night venues, working towards the objective of maintaining the 'pay-as-you-go' idea. Most of this information is given in the online venue page. Classmates shared their thoughts with their visit and others chimed in with questions, ideas, and concerns.

Blanco BBQ – Steve Hart – Their room would accommodate up to 150 comfortably, with outdoor 'shared' accommodations available for overflow. A review of past attendance counts were shared with the group for both nights. The committee anticipates between 135-150 classmates attending the Friday night gathering. The cost for the room would be \$600 for four hours and classmates could purchase items from the menu. Beer & wine can also be purchased on site.

Bracken Store & Icehouse – Shellie Bowman (Liles) & Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle) – Shellie recapped the visit she and Jennifer had at Ken Lawrence's place. There is no fee for this venue. The food would be available for purchase from two food trucks. Beer, wine, and set-ups (BYOB) can be purchased from the bar. A DJ would be provided. There was a discussion about getting an 'elegant' portable potty trailer. We will check out pricing, starting with www.portablejohn.com. Parking would not be a problem.

Fort Sam Houston Golf Club – Shellie Bowman (Liles) & Steve Hart – The cost for the use of two rooms (similar to the joint reunion with the class of '69) would be \$500. The food would cost extra. A military discount may be possible. This would have to be determined later as the information was not provided. Steve thought from his visit that it was too structured and that that there was no bending the rules.

MacArthur Park – Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle) – The large pavilion contains a kitchen with countertops and pits for bbq for a cost of approximately \$167. An email was sent to the Parks office to inquire about bringing food trucks and alcohol onto the premises. A reply is forthcoming.

Timberwood Park – Pam Sholund (Bearor) – Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle) reported on Pam’s behalf. This venue is another pavilion, although quite large. There is room for tables and chairs, as well as a band or DJ. For both park venues it was decided that it would be too much work. It was decided this particular venue was too far of a drive.

VFW Hall Downtown – Steve Hart – Steve said it was a good place to go in, drink a beer, and leave. It is an old mansion with no updates visible. It is musty and dark. The ballroom is upstairs. There is an elevator, although it is old. Steve did not like the bathroom accommodations.

Walk-Ons – Rick Sartor – The party room here is free. The room is not big enough for our group, but there is an outside area available with restrooms close by. This venue would only allow a reservation three weeks prior to the date of the reunion.

Hacienda de Los Barrios – Rick Sartor - There is no party room at this venue. They would ‘rope off’ a section of the outdoor patio with bar. There is live music on the patio. If it rains, we’d have to move inside?

As we started taking an initial vote for those in favor of the Friday night venues, there was a question of what happened to the Voigt Center Party Room in Hollywood Park and additional conversations ensued.....could bring in food trucks or pay-as-you-go caterer. It was decided to include this as an option for Friday night. After voting, those venues that still remain on the table are Blanco BBQ, Bracken Store & Icehouse, and Voigt Center Party Room. The committee will meet Saturday, May 18th at the Bracken Store & Icehouse to discuss this option with owner Ken Lawrence.