

Mac Reunion Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 22, 2020

11:30 a.m. via Zoom/Chat

Attendees:

Vandy Dinkins (Lange), Pat Clarkson, Rick Sartor, Chris Vinklarek (Higgins), Larry Armstrong, LaVerne Blaschke (Dysart), Butch Gerfers, Shellie Bowman (Liles), Steve Hart, Kay Brooks (Judkins), Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle), Anna Armstrong, Richard Miller (via Zoom chat)

Jennifer read the minutes from the July meeting. A motion was made by Pat to approve the minutes and Rick seconded. The first item up for discussion was whether to leave the reunion set for the 2020 date or to find a date in 2021 that would be more suitable. To do this, Butch provided the statistics from the Mac 1970 website survey that had been emailed to classmates through the website. After reading the comments provided by ten classmates and adding their responses to the yes/no/undecided choices, it was revealed that there were 4/28/15, respectively. With the majority of the votes in favor of postponing the reunion, Butch asked Steve to talk to Joseph at the Petroleum Club. Steve mentioned that Joseph indicated our cancellation was not uncommon during this time and said next year was wide open. After much discussion with the classmates involved in this Zoom meeting about having the rescheduled reunion in May vs. October, Jennifer reminded the committee members the reason we had originally chosen May was because it was exactly 50 years from the date we graduated.

It was decided that Steve would talk to the Petroleum Club organizer to reserve dates for the reunion in May 2021, with preferences to Saturday, May 15th as our first choice, Saturday, May 1st as our second choice, or Saturday May 22nd as our third choice. A motion was made to approve these dates by LaVerne and seconded by Chris. The **Early Bird price of \$80/person** for the Saturday night venue will be available until September 1, 2020 as an encouragement for additional signups. The **Early Bird price will then increase by \$3 to \$83/person** because the Petroleum Club anticipates a slight increase in their prices in 2021. The **Regular price of (\$90/person)** and the **At the door price of \$100** will remain the same with no change.

A suggestion was made by Butch that we consider keeping the Friday, October 23, 2020 venue at Bracken Store & Ice House open for any classmates who wanted to come, considering this venue would be outdoors with its large covered patio. Butch will talk to Ken Lawrence and see if he is still interested in making his place available to any that want to come. This venue will still be set for the Friday night preceding the new reunion date in 2021, however.

Chris mentioned she thought this was a great idea, even if she could not come all the way from California for the October celebration and questioned any expenses the class would incur for having it. Butch assured Chris that any expense for things such as name tags, decorations, etc. would be minimal or non-existent.

Vandy mentioned that the wording on the website such as "The Reunion is On!" was confusing and we might consider clarifying or changing it. Butch said he would replace/delete it.

It was decided that we would not need to meet until November and it was agreed the next meeting date would be Saturday, November 7, 2020 via Zoom video/chat. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.