

Mac Reunion Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 20, 2021

11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Steve Davis, Steve Hart, Butch Gerfers, Shellie Bowman (Liles), Richard Miller, Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle), Pat Clarkson, Vandy Dinkins (Lange), LaVerne Blaschke (Dysart), Chris Vinklarek (Higgins), Rick Sartor, and Paula Ernst

The meeting began at 11:30. Jennifer read the minutes from the last meeting. Paula made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Steve H. seconded the motion. Butch asked Jennifer to read the statistics on the Covid-19 survey:

- For the first question “I plan on attending the 50 + 1 Mac Reunion in May 2021.”
 - 26 - yes
 - 4 - no
 - 16 - undecided
- For the second question “What is your status regarding the Covid-19 immunization?”
 - 20 - “I have completed the Covid-19 immunization”
 - 15 - “I plan on completing the Covid-19 immunization before the reunion”
 - 2 - “I choose not to be immunized for Covid-19”
 - 9 - “I choose not to disclose my status on immunization for Covid-19”

Butch stated that only one cancellation occurred after the survey was sent out and that zero had cancelled since the 15th of March (the deadline for the \$5 fee for cancellations). It was also mentioned that even a few people had since registered for the events. Butch shared the count-to-date. There are 71 classmates/spouses signed up for the Friday night event at Bracken Store and Icehouse. 68 people took advantage of the early-bird prices for the Saturday night venue at The Petroleum Club with an additional eight people signing up once the price increased. It was reviewed that the price will increase again 30 days out from the Saturday night event and one more time seven days out from the Saturday night event. We will then have to lock in the head count with the Petroleum Club three days out from the Saturday night event.

At this point Butch called on committee members to report on their specific sub-committees.

Decorations: (Anna Armstrong, LaVerne Blaschke Dysart, Debbie Turner Miller, Kay Brooks Judkins, Paula Ernst, Connie Cox Cunningham, Chris Vinklarek Higgins)

Friday:

- Strings of blue lights around the porch poles
- Wreath for selfies
- Mac Class of 1970 signs
- Name Tags table

Saturday: Chris relayed that she had been in contact with both La Verne and Anna. They felt The Petroleum Club was well decorated on its own, but will put something together.

Photo Booth: (Jennifer Sonnen Zimmerle and Pam Sholund Bearor) Jennifer commented that Pam Sholund (Bearor) had finished putting a very large wreath together decorated in blue, white, and silver and appropriate trinkets to reflect the theme. People will rely on their cell phone cameras to take memory shots.

Petroleum Club: (Steve Hart) Steve mentioned that he and Vandy had been to the Petroleum Club just yesterday and in touch with Joseph, the one in charge. While they were there, the dining room was set up and it looked like it would be good to go! The committee will provide masks at the door for anyone who fails to have one upon

entering the building. Temps are taken after exiting the elevator and entering the reception. A discussion about dress code was reviewed and it was suggested that an email go out to classmates two weeks out from the Saturday night event regarding the dress code.

Bracken Store & Icehouse: (Jennifer Sonnen Zimmerle) Jennifer had been in conversation with Ken Lawrence since the last meeting. Ken stated that there would be a Barbecue Food Truck alongside his on-site food truck. He said that he was still working on securing a DJ and that for the Friday night event the indoor bathrooms would be exclusively for women whereas the outdoor portables would be for the men.

School Tour: (Steve Hart and Shellie Bowman Liles) Shellie said the contact person indicated that they were not allowing school visits due to Covid, but that we were welcome to walk around outside. It was decided that because of this, it would be best to forego the school tour idea.

Memorials: (Connie Cox Cunningham and Vandy Dinkins Lange) Vandy reported that Nancy Gerfers has volunteered to help her in getting the memorials organized and placed at the Saturday night event. Vandy commented that the placement across from the bar was a perfect location for setting up and there would be flowers for the 50 (or 50 + 1) theme in mind.

Music at the Bracken Store & Icehouse: (Ken Lawrence) Jennifer stated Ken is working on securing a DJ.

Music at the Petroleum Club: (Steve Hart) Steve said Steve Anderson as DJ was still good to go with no increase in price. There is a list of 200+ songs Butch will provide to Steve H. for the DJ.

Name Tags: Pat Clarkson Pat will organize name tags with the help of Butch printing them out. We will have stick-on name tags with pictures for both nights. Butch suggested Pat enlist help from others to pass them out.

Hotels/Motels/Transportation: (Kay Brooks Judkins) Kay was not present, but there is a report in the February 8, 2020 minutes. [\[Click here and go to page 2 for Hotels/Motels/Transportation Report\]](#)

Check-In: (Paula Ernst) Paula has touched base with several people to help with checking in for the Saturday night event so all is taken care of. There will be no check-in for Friday as Pat will simply be passing out name tags.

Discussion ensued regarding check-in, elevator, reception, temperature checks, masks etc. due to foot traffic. Masks must be worn upon entering the building, but may be removed when eating and sitting at a table or at the bar area. Masks should be worn when walking around. Butch & Steve will provide a sign, perhaps on an easel, giving directions and locations of sign-in and reception. It was reiterated that whatever the policies are at the time, they will be observed at the Saturday night event.

Butch suggested we continue the lunch outings and Friday night visits to Bracken Store & Icehouse as well as suggesting we think about having either/both a celebration for a 55 year reunion and/or one for the year the class of '70 turns 70.

Steve H. inquired about the scholarship fund. Butch indicated there had not yet been a need for providing one.

Butch pleaded with committee members to encourage people that might have photos of the 10th and 20th reunion (as well as the others) to contribute them for our website.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021 via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.