

Mac Reunion Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 1, 2021

11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Steve Hart, Butch Gerfers, Richard Miller, Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle), Pat Clarkson, Vandy Dinkins (Lange), LaVerne Blaschke (Dysart), Chris Vinklarek (Higgins), Kay Brooks (Judkins), and Anna Armstrong...with Shellie Bowman (Liles) on speaker phone.

Butch called the meeting to order at 11:38. The minutes of the March meeting had been emailed to committee members to read ahead of time. Steve motioned that the minutes be accepted as written. Vandy seconded the motion.

Butch reviewed the head count currently registered for the events as well as the upcoming deadlines before price increases and the cancellation fee currently in place.

- 106 are registered to attend the Friday night venue at Bracken Store & Icehouse
- 96 are registered to attend the Saturday night venue at The Petroleum Club
- Saturday, May 8th is the deadline to register @ the \$90 price for the Saturday night event. On May 9th up to the event at the door, the cost increases to \$100.
- Cancellation fee is \$20

Chris inquired about attendance at previous reunions. Butch did not have all of the counts handy, but declared that the 50th reunion is up from the 45th, but down from the 40th. Discussion about the set up which will eliminate crowding at the Saturday event ensued. There would be only 4- and 6-top tables allowing smaller groups and more space between tables. The heavy hors d'oeuvre tables would be spread out through the dining area to eliminate crowds gathering around a buffet. Chris asked about the capacity of the club and the amount of space it provides. Steve chimed in relaying a recent event of 80+ people in attendance and said there was plenty of room as well as reiterated that we were not limited to just the one room, making it even easier to spread out.

Butch requested committee chairs report:

Decoration Committee – LaVerne declared that both nights had an easy set-up arrangement. Shellie mentioned contributing table decorations for the Icehouse.

Photo Booth Committee – Jennifer said the large wreath Pam Sholund (Bearor) had made will be ready and will be 'hung' at both events, allowing people to stand behind the wreath w/o having to hold it up to get a photo from individual cell phones. The height it is hung would accommodate those who are shorter than average.

Petroleum Club – Steve reviewed a meeting held between four classmates and Joseph (from the club) recently and everything is all set.

Bracken – Jennifer said she was going to give Ken Lawrence a head count as soon as the meeting was over so he could have an idea of how much food he might need.

Memorial – Vandy had been to the Petroleum Club and was pleased with the location of the Memorial table. She felt like it was a private area. There will be a white tablecloth, blue candle, and white rose (the class of '70 flower)

Music (Friday night) – Jennifer said she emailed Ken recently a playlist from the survey that went out to classmates long ago for his DJ.

Music (Saturday night) – Steve said he confirmed that Steve Anderson was still good to go even after the date changes that had taken place.

Name Tags – Pat Clarkson will be in charge of the distribution of name tags both Friday and Saturday night. Class pictures will be printed on the name tag for Saturday and possibly Friday. Butch is responsible for getting these all printed to hand over to Pat.

Travel/Hotels – Kay mentioned that the Marriott will transport those needing a ride from its hotel to the Petroleum Club and said that her daughter was willing to help transport in a 9-passenger van if need be. She will touch base with the hotel again the Wednesday before the event to confirm.

Reception Table – Shellie relayed that Paula had gotten all the people she needed to help check in classmates as they enter. Separate lists splitting up the alphabet will be provided and should make it easier if there's a rush.

After all the reports were given, Butch mentioned that he had other business to tend to. Since the inception of the website in 2009, he has been paying the monthly payment to maintain our domain. He would like to start being reimbursed for this expense. Jennifer motioned that we allow Butch to be reimbursed for this fee and Anna seconded the motion. He also asked to be reimbursed for a gift purchased for a classmate. Jennifer motioned that Butch be reimbursed for this as well. Anna, once again, seconded the motion.

Steve mentioned that he had reached out to faculty/staff via email and snail mail and had not heard back from any of them. Steve and Butch will split up the names and give them a call.

Steve asked if there will be any more meetings prior to the reunion. Butch said that he didn't think so unless there was need for an emergency meeting. Jennifer mentioned, too, that we typically meet a few weeks after the reunion to go over expenses, statistics, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. after a motion was made by Steve Hart and seconded by Vandy.