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Subject: Berkeley Reunion Committee Meeting Results

Hi 45th Planning Committee and interested classmates,

A Planning Committee meeting was held Saturday, July 15, at the Berkeley Faculty Club, the venue for the reunion. It is a beautiful Club with lots of space for our event.

Andree Morgana, Val St. John Durbin, Ann Theobald Juell, Leslie Shelley Seltenrich and I met and took the following action:

1. Class Database

- Names are gradually being added but several hundred need to be located and contacted.
- Ann Juell will add all the names from the 1962 yearbook who are not now currently on the list. Once that is done, the complete class list will be circulated with the hope and expectation that classmates may provide more contact information once they know whom we are looking for.
- Suzy has the photobook with addresses of the 30th reunion attendees and will add to the database, the names in that book not in the current database and mail out "Save the Date" cards. Some of the addresses may still be good. Attached is the most current database, with the 30th reunion names in blue and some recent updates in red.

2. Website

- Andree Morgana has set up a class website, which will be activated in the next 2-3 weeks, to keep people apprised of reunion plans.
- Andree is scanning classmates' photos into the site from the '62 POD and the other photos of campus doings.
- Classmates' biographies will be scanned in later as that project is activated and a blog will be set up too. The goal is to get classmates involved and interested so they will attend.
- Andree will send out an email to all classmates for whom we have email addresses when it is up and ready to be viewed.

3. Tours of the NEW Berkeley High

- BHS has been substantially redone. Tours can be arranged of the NEW campus. Ann Juell will contact Gene Nakamura who teaches at BHS, for referral to administration to set up the tours and for BHS memorabilia (BHS T-shirts/coffee mug/etc.) for giveaways as door prizes.

4. Bio Books

- Pat Thomas Meyer has volunteered to oversee this project.
- Classmates will be asked to provide a current photo and to write a short bio about their last 45 years. The primary question is open ended: What have you been doing the last 45 years? Tell us the highlights. We might want to suggest that they include information about Post High School education; married; number of children; vocation(s); avocation(s); interests; sports; major event or influences ... or anything else they might want to say.
- The Committee agreed that the bios would be posted on the class website and be made available in hard copy after the reunion for a small charge to cover the costs.

5. Activities during the reunion event

- After the food service (food tables to promote mingling) and before the DJ begins the dance music, there will be some announcements and introductions.
- Rocky Warner will be asked to be the MC
- Door prizes will be announced and various awards will be made for classmates married the longest, most children, traveled furthestand other fun recognition. The biographies will give the Committee ideas on what to recognize.
- The Committee thought it would be fun to have a dance contest with the winners recognized by audience applause.

6. Decorations

- Val Durbin and Ann Juell will take care of decorations.
- The Faculty Club event planner recommended balloons. Val and Ann will arrange for balloons, table decorations and setting up photos and memorabilia in one of the rooms we have use of. Ann has videos from past reunions which we can play at this one. They will be seeking old photos from classmates of the high school days and earlier, which can be scanned into the computer.

7. Budget and Ticket Pricing

- Because Linda Schacht's husband is a member of the Faculty Club and is sponsoring the reunion event, we are eligible for a 40% discount for the room rental and a discount on the food too.
- Estimating attendance at 200-250, the ticket charge will be a maximum of \$75 per person and may be lower when all costs are determined and a realistic budget made. Recognizing that \$75 might be too high for some people to manage, the Committee discussed subsidizing those classmates but made no decisions.

8. Next Planning Meeting

- **Save the Date: Saturday, September 9, 10 AM - Noon, at Linda Schacht's in Berkeley.** A reminder announcement will be sent prior to that date.

Many thanks, all!

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