

SEPTEMBER CHS REUNION MINS
9/17/14 AT BLUE BELL INN

IN ATTENDANCE: Arlene Fella-Holtzman, Dorie Good, Bette Steinberg Quindry, Susan Strauss Kestenbaum, Emily Brecker Greenberg, Janet Johl Harmelin, Ed Landau, Bert Filemyr, Andy Rubin, Chuck Sterne, Carl Grossman, Jody Greenberg, Stephanie Phillips, David Schaffer, Gail Hamberg Rosen, Ken Forman, Eileen Kamison, Diane Young Fien, Susan Gurman, Ellen Finkelstein Shubin, Christine Coupe Lozinak, Stephen Setzman, Steve Picow

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2014 AT PHIL'S TAVERN IN BLUE BELL, PA AT 7PM.

GAIL HAMBERG ROSEN WILL CONTACT US VIA EMAIL IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THIS.

1. VENUE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. The weekend event will be moved to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Valley Forge, behind the King of Prussia Mall. This venue provides a large ballroom (can hold 400 people), many quiet places in the lobby/downstairs/in the foyer outside the ballroom, free parking, rooms upstairs for \$115 a night including Sunday breakfast for two people, a nice and separate space for hors d'oeuvres (foyer outside the ballroom), a hotel bar for an informal gathering on Friday night, and a possible separate room for a brunch on Sunday morning (The Venue Committee will look into this for Sunday morning.)
- B. The Saturday event will start at 6:30 – with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres until 7:30, buffet dinner served between 7:30-9:00, dessert between 8:30-10:00, and DJ music/dancing for all five hours (until 11:30).
- C. We may also get an extra room (or their Board Room) as a quiet space.
- D. Minimum: 150 people. Cost: \$80.81 per person, including tax and service charges.
- E. We will probably need three bartenders: \$75 per bartender plus 6% tax per bartender.
- F. The \$1000 deposit from Meadowlands has been returned and deposited by Andy Rubin. We will use that for the Crowne Plaza deposit.

THANKS GO TO SUE STRAUSS KESTENBAUM and DORIE GOOD for getting back the deposit money and negotiating a great package from the Crowne Plaza

2.

HOTELS NEAR MEADOWLANDS

- A. Stephe Phillips will contact the hotels holding the blocks of rooms near Meadowlands and get those blocks released. Dorie Good will give her the contact name for the block of rooms needed at the Crowne Plaza. As per our emailed questionnaire, we already have requests for more than 30 rooms. We may need as many as 40-60.

3.

MAIN EVENT

- A. MUSIC SELECTION: Arlene will contact Nancy Guggenheim Berger and Joanne Sundheim, who will contact the DJ (Schaffer Sound Productions – Nick and Joe) to let them know about the change of venue. Nancy and Joanne will move forward on things (deposit etc.) as soon as our contract with the Crowne Plaza is signed. **Dorie Good will let us know via email when the contract is signed, please.**
- B. PROGRAM: Dorie - to be determined at a later date. Bette Steinberg Quindry will emcee.
- C. PHOTOGRAPHER: Eileen Kamison will follow up with hiring a photographer for 3 hours, costing \$500-600. The photographer will take candid shots and present us with a disc that Bert can load onto the website. Classmates may also be able to buy photos from the photographer. Details will be given by Eileen at a later date.
- D. FOOD: will be selected by the Venue Committee at a tasting closer to the event. (Dorie, Arlene, Sue, Emily)
- E. DECORATIONS: The hotel has silk flowers (which didn't look great) and will give us 3 votive candles per table. Christine, Susan Gurman, and Eileen Kamison will continue to look into the decorations.
- F. BUTTONS: Diane Young Fien presented paper nametags, booklet and invitations that she got from her husband's reunion. Diane will find out how much they cost and give us details at the next meeting. **RSVP's need to be gotten in enough time for the buttons/badges to be ordered.
- G. SLIDE SHOW: Chuck Sterne and Bert Filemyr will put this together. They will work with Dorie to see what equipment will be needed (rented from the hotel or brought by us).

4.

BUDGET

- A. Andy Rubin presented several figures and the group voted to make the ticket price \$125.00 per person. This price should cover the food, music, centerpieces, decorations, nametags, mailings, bartenders, and photographer. All checks will go to Andy.
- B. Bette Steinberg Quindry graciously volunteered to chair the ADBOOK

COMMITTEE. It will be our directory with ads included to help defer the cost. She will need help with this large project. Anyone who has come to meetings but has not yet volunteered is invited to COME FORWARD to help Bette!
PLEASE CONTACT HER.

5.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

A. WEBSITE: Please send ANY PICTURES from our class to Bert for the website. Bert will also add links related to our classmates' businesses or personal links, depending on what people prefer. The idea is to foster better communication among classmates. There will be another email blast noting the change of venue and anything else of importance from this meeting.

1. Bert will put the list of people coming to the reunion on our website.

B. MISSING CLASSMATES: Christine Coupe Lozinak will check for missing people in the next two weeks on PEOPLES MART. In addition, Stephanie Phillips will contact Janice Bennett, an outside searcher, to start searching after two weeks, when Christine will be done. We still need to find over 200 classmates. 300 people are confirmed so far.

C. SAVE THE DATE: Ken Forman will send out the postcards within the next two weeks, or as soon as Ed gives him the addresses. The cards have already been designed.

D. INVITATION: should be sent out by March in order to get RSVP's in time to order buttons/badges and to make proper arrangements at the Crowne Plaza.

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OTHER EVENTS

A. FRIDAY NIGHT: informal gathering at the Crowne Plaza bar/lobby.

B. SATURDAY: Small group events – Things to do in Philly (Eileen)

C. SUNDAY: **FOR NOW, THE EVENT AT CHELTENHAM HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN TABLED.

7.

OTHER TOPICS/LOOSE ENDS

A. TEACHER CONTACTS: Carl Grossman will chair this, with help from Bert Filemyr. Teachers will be invited to the Sunday brunch (if the room can be arranged at the hotel). Ed will send them the names.

B. ADVERTISING: Bert filled out the form to place our reunion in the JEWISH EXPONENT weekly listing. Jody Greenberg will follow up to see what is

happening with this.

- C. MEMORIAL NOTICE: There will be a listing in the Directory and on our website.
- D. ED WILL DEVELOP A TIMELINE!!! Please send him anything you have that will impact the timeline.
- E. The Venue Committee will report about the Sunday Brunch room at our next meeting.