CHS CLASS OF 1965 REUNION COMMITTEE NOTES 10/21/15 WRAP-UP MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Landau, Bert Filemyr, Chuck Sterne, Andy Rubin, Liz Mason Givens, Dorie Good, Bob Cox, Arlene Fella Holtzman, Janet Johl Harmelin, Diane Young Fien, Sue Strauss Kestenbaum, Bette Steinberg Quindry, Eileen Zakroff Davis, Ellen Green Sklaroff, Stephen Setzman, Jody Greenberg, Gail Hamberg Rosen, Nancy Guggenheim Berger, Susan Gurman, Stephanie Phillips, Emily Brecker Greenberg (Welcome to new attendees Liz, Ellen and Eileen!!!)

Jon Fox was in the hospital and unable to attend. We wish him a speedy Recovery.

**NEXT MEETING: Gail, Susan and Nancy will put together a dinner social gathering mid-May, 2016 at a venue to be determined (40 can fit in the small room and 80 can fit in the large room at PHIL'S TAVERN). This could become a semi-annual event. A cash bar has been requested!

OPENING COMMENTS: Going around the table, people shared extremely positive responses to the Reunion weekend. Many felt that they didn't have enough time to see all the people they wanted to see. Everyone greatly appreciated the decorations and Christine's hard work. It was strongly suggested that there should be a 55th REUNION on a date that Bert Filemyr could attend! There was discussion about a 70th Birthday Party event. These possibilities would be on a simpler and less complicated scale, with the main purpose being **classmates reconnecting and spending time with classmates**.

- 1. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION: (Ed and Bert)
 - A. WEBSITE: Bert plans to continue it and maintain the domain. He will "spiff it up" and define the purpose of the website for maintaining and expanding **relationships** among classmates, not for promoting businesses, religious philosophies etc.
 - 1. People should send any additional information about themselves or other classmates to the website.
 - B. CLASS CREATOR: will be discontinued after a date determined and announced by Bert on the regular website. Not enough

people were using it – and classmates can contact one another on FACEBOOK.

- C. PHOTOS: We need NAMES of people in the pictures! Send Bert the photo NUMBER and the names to the website, please.
- D. AWARDS: Arlene will give Bert the list of the award winners so that they can be posted on the website.
- E. LOST AND DECEASED CLASSMATES: Ed and Susan are gradually gathering new information on the website. Bert will create a link for the most recent information at the top of the website.
- F. E-MAIL BLASTS: to the entire class or Reunion Committee will be sent as needed.
- G. VIDEO LOOP: Chuck will send the Vimeo video loop that played during the reunion to Bert for placement on the website.

2. BUDGET: (Andy)

A: FINANCES: We started with \$3458.00 from our 30th Reunion. Our revenue was \$38,356.00 for a total cash balance of \$41,814. Our expenses were \$34,829.00, leaving us with \$6985.00. Revenues included monies from the ad sales and donations for teachers/classmates who needed financial help.

B. CLASS GIFT: Emily will call the CHS Principal to find out what is needed for the school. The Committee gave a range of \$1500-\$2500 for the gift. We will need to have at least \$4000 as seed money for our 55th REUNION. The Reunion Committee will try to make the gift decision via emails among the group members after the gift options are announced to the group.

*NOTE: CHS Principal Iris Parker will be meeting with her cabinet to see what suggestions they will have for the gift. She was extremely appreciative of our offer!

C. Andy did not see the rental truck in Christine's expense list. We will find out what she should be repaid for that expense.

3. THE NEXT EVENT:

Several ideas were discussed: a 70th BIRTHDAY PARTY at a restaurant like Maggio's, a Saturday brunch at the CHS cafeteria that would be catered and have faculty there, booking a block of space on a Mississippi riverboat for a 3-7 day event (Ellen and

Stephie will gather information for that).

- A. DEFINITES: There WILL be a 55th REUNION at a HOTEL venue most likely in the Fall of 2020.
 - 1. The first planning meeting for that event will take place in APRIL, 2018 date and location to be determined.
 - 2. Email blasts to remind people to check the website for updated information will be sent quarterly if there is enough content.

4. LOOSE ENDS:

- A. If you have any pictures from the Reunion weekend, please send them to Bert/the website.
- B. If you have any updates about classmates, happy or sad, please send them to Bert/website.
- C. 70th Birthday Celebration? To be discussed at our next social dinner gathering in the Spring of 2016.
- (D. The next reunion could have corners designated for the elementary schools so people could FIND each other during the event. Sorry, gang I just didn't want this idea forgotten!!)