



25TH REUNION - JUNE 6-10, 2007

Class of 1982 Committee Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2006

In Attendance:

Gordon Bloom, David Cabot, Amy Donovan, Maryanne Fenerjian, Alasdair Halliday, Lindsay Hart '08, Ken Kaye, Dan Kenary, Tom Looney, Therese Lung, Constance Martin, Lynne O'Connor, Art O'Keeffe, Heidi Pribell, Stephen Quazzo, Julie Starr-Duker, Amy Wolfson, Susan Barnett (phone), Sam Barrington (phone), Karrye Braxton (phone), Reade Fahs (phone), Janet Mastronardi (phone), Jay Mattlin (phone), Christopher McCarthy (phone), Daphne O'Neal (phone), Roy Roberts (phone), Rob Storch (phone), Michele Blanc (HAA), Caitlin Cassis (HAA), Stacey Elwood (HCF, Christine Frost (Class Report Office).

Apologies for any omissions.

WELCOME

Art O'Keeffe welcomed the committee and applauded everyone's early efforts in planning the 25th Reunion celebration. Christine Frost (Class Report Office), along with the committee, toasted the huge success of 1982 class report book. Currently it has 1,033 entries and counting, which is an all-time record for the 25th reunion book. The class report committee is still looking to raise more money from classmates toward the book. They have raised \$37,000 from contributions, and the book costs approximately \$100,000.

PRE-REUNION EVENTS

The Harvard Yale Tailgate was a huge success. A special thanks goes out to Roy Roberts for all his help putting the event together. Overall, approximately 220 people showed up and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

January 25, 2007

Barbara Gellis has reserved the Balboa Bay Club in California for a cocktail reception from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Loreen Collins has offered to help with the plans.

February 10, 2007

Karrye Braxton is organizing a pre-reunion event in Washington, DC.

March 8, 2007

Barbara Gillette and Tony Hatch are considering working on an event in New York City, possibly in March.

May 2007

Constance Martin is working with the 50th Reunion on a joint 25th/50th event at the newly constructed Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) in Boston, MA. The March 15 date is tentative.

Dan Kenary has offered up the Harpoon Brewery for an event. It was suggested that classmates and guests travel to the Brewery on a Charles River Boat from Cambridge. No date has been determined as of yet, but it is hoped to be in the spring of 2007.

Liz Adams is checking on tickets to a Hasty Pudding performance in February or March, 2007.

Other suggested pre-reunion activities include: family sports clinic or a hockey game.

THE ENTERTAINMENT/TALENT SHOW

Tom Looney reported on the progress of the entertainment and talent show. The show is planned to include: four Harvard acapella groups performing with alumni, classmate comedians, slideshow of the 39 class couples, a band and a classmate written theme song. The sub-committee is still seeking additional shows, and will use the class report book as a guide.

SYMPOSIA

Amy Wolfson reported that the Class of 1982 symposia progress. The symposia will begin on Friday morning at 8:45/9:00am. The sub-committee noted that right now it plans on having three concurrent symposia during that time period. After the symposia, there will be a Harvard presenter (most likely Jeremy Knowles) followed by the class survey presentation.

The sub-committee is interested in having casual discussion groups, possibly at night with cocktails or during breakfast. The theme of the discussion groups will be "transitions," both professional and personal.

The current suggested topics were reiterated, and include: America post cold war/post WWII (political views), dealing with the poor, environmental issue, health issues (relevant to the reunioners), media/ communications and Hollywood/entertainment industry.

The next step for this sub-committee is to further develop the panels.

HOUSE LUNCHEON

The sub-committee on house luncheons noted that many classmates would greatly enjoy returning to their old houses, and lunch would be a great opportunity to do so. The committee talked about the best time to bring classmates and guests back to the houses.

FRIDAY NIGHT POPS

The committee decided to buy-out the Boston Pops so that 1982 will be able to influence the programming.

CLASS SURVEY

The class survey is similar to the 20th reunion survey, with additional questions. The official survey will be mailed out shortly, and will also be on the class website.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service planning is on-hold as the committee tries to pin down Rev. Peter Gomes to preside over the service. It was suggested that the sub-committee secure classmates priest and ministers to also help out with the service, as well as families and friends of the deceased classmates.

FAMILY FIELD DAY

Party People will be used again for the family field day on the Saturday of the reunions. The sub-committee is going to look into the caterer for the BBQ during the field day, as well as the possible venue locations for both the field day/BBQ.

SATURDAY NIGHT GALA

The class of 1980 had their Saturday night gala in the stadium, while the class of 1981 had their event in the Murr Tennis Center field house. The committee decided that it would like to have their Saturday night event inside the Murr Tennis Center because it is climate controlled. The theme of the event is currently "1982." The committee decided that it would be great if we could make the Murr Tennis Center space more elegant and cozy. There will be a cigar bar outside the Saturday night event. Alasdair Halliday '82 band "Big Daddy Jazz" and "Griffin" will be performing during the Saturday night gala. Al's band will perform three sets of both jazz and rock, and make sure to feel out the crowd in terms of loud dance music.

The committee also noted that they would like to have their Friday night event in the stadium.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT

It was decided that Wednesday night will be the class of 1982 lobster bake, while Thursday night will be the "Taste of 1982." The sub-committee has already begun contacting classmates to provide food, including: seafood from Sam Barrington, Oxford Street Grille, a 1982 wine cellar collection and north end pastries. The committee discussed how to make sure enough food was prepared. Possible options include: a catering company coordinating the event or having Oxford Street Grille and Sam Barrington's seafood provide the majority of the food.

FAVORS

The committee agreed that because it is their 25th Reunion, they would like to have a substantial and nicer favor.

It was suggested by the sub-committee that the classmates be given a \$40 COOP voucher to choose their favor on-line or at the COOP store, before, after or during the reunion. The committee thought that if they did a voucher, they would also like to have a smaller giveaway at the reunion. The voucher idea was discussed at length, citing both the benefits of having the choice of a favor/sizing options and the negative of not having something universal to give to everyone/perhaps seeming cheap to classmates who spent a lot of money to attend.

It was also suggested that the giveaway be a fleece vest, the committee overall seemed to agree this was a good idea.

SUB REUNIONS

Sub-reunions will be able to meet on Friday night, including: freshman dorms, Phillips Brooks House, the Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Caucus etc.

NEXT MEETING

January 10, 2006

6:00 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Meeting

at

**Harvard Alumni Association
124 Mt. Auburn Street, 6th Floor**

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Validated parking available in University Place parking garage in the basement of 124 Mt. Auburn.

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