



NHS 1986 20th Reunion Kickoff Meeting Minutes 03/10/05

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Gerald Stone
Nolita Stewart Morgan
Julie Trent Denton



IDEAS FOR THE 20 YEAR REUNION WEEKEND

Sally was right in that ideas would be flying. See ACTION ITEMS.

Possible Dates for the reunion:

- Father's Day Weekend 2006
- ???

No alternative dates were submitted so the team decided that Father's Day weekend 2006 is a "go".

Possible Events/Venues for Friday Day

- Golf Tourney (scramble/lunch @ Cobblestone Creek?)
- Tour of the high school

Possible Events/Venues for Friday Night

- Outside party (Andrews Park?, Trayler Trash to play?)
- Drinks and finger foods at a local bar – Vista? Islands?
- Polo Club – *Sally to contact Ted Moore*
- YOYO (you're on your own)



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Possible Events/Venues for Saturday

- Picnic at the lake
- Outside party (Andrews Park?, Trayler Trash to play?)

- _____
- _____

Possible Venues for Saturday Dinner

Note for out of towners: Can obtain babysitters to group together kiddos at hotel of choice.

- Stadium Club – *Lori checking into catering costs*

- i. Capacity _____
- ii. Cost _____
- iii. Deposit _____

- Holiday Inn ball room

- i. Capacity _____
- ii. Cost _____
- iii. Deposit _____

- Marriott (postal training center)

- i. Capacity _____
- ii. Cost _____
- iii. Deposit _____

- Old Town Hall (seats 250, \$850 rental)

- i. Capacity 250
- ii. Cost \$850
- iii. Deposit _____

- _____

Possible Venues/Events for Sunday breakfast

- Holiday Inn conference room
- Residence Inn

Charity for leftover funds (just in case we HAVE leftover \$\$\$)

- Baby Steps - program available to teen parents. The program provides daycare for infants and toddlers at a location near NHS. Students take one class in parenting per semester at the daycare facility.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- March of Dimes
- Independent Living Students



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COLLECTING SEED MONEY

- Committee members pay for their tickets in advance? Sally has already pledged \$100 and Nols has already paid for the website out of her pocket.
- Fundraiser ideas?
 - Spaghetti dinner? \$25/plate limited to 100 persons
- Incentives for early ticket purchase
- Advertising business cards in the next reunion mailing – charge fee
- Attract corporate/community sponsorship. Solicit local businesses that might have a connection or affinity toward NHS alumni. Offer them advertising incentives.
- Auctions – offer 10 items such as free hotel room at the reunion event. Solicit hotels, stores, service, professional sports venues and restaurants to contribute. The highest bidders from the first 25 respondents win. Good advertising!
- **Order t-shirts and other mementos with class name and charge an amount over the cost.**
- Anyone in our class that can donate services (i.e. printing services) in exchange for advertising or ticket cost?

SUMMARY

The meeting was really great. Tiffany, Dee Anne & Kim brought pictures in to be posted to the website.(yea!) Ideas were flying and we vowed to be really resourceful to keep costs down. Joseph brought a mockup of the postcard that will be mailed out. It was a tribute to the yearbook and looked great. Gerald informed us that he owned a security company and could provide security for our functions. Sally suggested we open up and maintain a bank account for the “NHS 1986 Alumni” and submitted \$100 seed money. A few of the group members are checking into good rates/bennies from local banks. Nols is going to check with Fern/Andy to see if Andy might want to assist in this effort.

Sadly, we also found out that another alumni had passed, Swannie Alton, and are looking into the date and details.



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	<u>SPECIFIC TASKS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED TO</u>
1)	Searching for people	Tamara Blackley Overton Joseph Rainwater Nolita Stewart Morgan Peter Stawicki
2)	Maintaining the main address list/database	Nolita Stewart Morgan
3)	Preparing mailers and announcements	Joseph Rainwater – postcards, bus cards
4)	Editing the alumni information for memory book/directory	Nolita Morgan/Kristin Larsen
5)	Putting a Reunion book together	Kristin Larsen
6)	Making menu/meal arrangements	TBD
7)	Selecting entertainment	Joseph to burn 80's music CDs vice DJ
8)	Planning activities and games	TBD – entire committee
9)	Organizing a pre-event fund raiser	TBD
10)	Raising funds for a social action project	Committee
11)	Sending acknowledgment postcards and/or reminder notices	Joseph/Dee Anne – will have list of “lost” people by 2 nd /3 rd meeting
12)	Managing the media announcements	TBD
13)	Preparing pictures, slides or a video as a reunion display	Nolita, Rebecca, Scott Hunt (?)
i)	Arranging for door prizes	TBD
14)	Getting a banner	TBD
15)	Ordering T-shirts and other fundraising items	Sally, Tiffany, Kim
16)	Making the photo name tags	Joseph – get tags/photo paper from Nols
17)	Preparing registration packets	Committee TBD
18)	Creating a business directory or business card handout	Joseph – done and distributed to team members
19)	Designing a survey	TBD
20)	Setting up a memorabilia table	TBD
21)	Assembling table centerpieces	Julie



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	<u>SPECIFIC TASKS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED TO</u>
22)	Designing decorations and displays	Decided to do no major decorating, just centerpieces and memorial place settings
23)	Producing an event program	TBD
24)	Selecting and ordering souvenirs	Kim – checking into NHS store
25)	Organizing a charitable donation	Tiffany/Kim looking into memorial bench
26)	Planning a picnic or other informal events	Committee
27)	Memorial at the reunion	Gerald Stone
28)	Set up taxi service	TBD

NEEDS:

We need to set up a bank account and collect funds – any takers?

THOUGHTS:

- 1) Should we try to contact old teachers to see if they would like to attend any of the venues?
- 2) Senior Trip (20 years later) to St. Lucia?

FOLLOW UP MEETINGS

2nd MEETING DATE/TIME: 04/01/05 Starting at 6PM
MEETING LOCATION: Kongo's Club (Traylor Trash to play that evening)

3rd MEETING DATE/TIME: 05/06/05 Starting at 11am
MEETING LOCATION: Kim Cox Wainner's House

4th MEETING DATE/TIME: 06/11/05 Starting time TBD
*** *Family/friends welcome to come to lake party also!!!* ***
MEETING LOCATION: Nolita's folks' lake house (old Boy Scout Campground)



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ACTION ITEMS (listed by committee member)

Tiffany

1. Check into charitable donation options with NHS.
2. Research souvenir ideas/options.
3. Check to see if NHS student store online.

Joseph

1. Burn 80's music to CD
2. Photo name badges
3. Postcard mailer

Kim

1. Tour of the high school
2. Memorial bricks

Gerald

1. Memorial table – speak at the reunion
2. Security – he has a security service company
3. Check into quote for formal photography for Saturday night event

Julie

1. 80's memorabilia centerpieces

Sally

1. Contact Scott Hunt regarding slideshow
2. Contact Ted Moore on use of polo club
3. Contact Paige's hubby for t-shirt quote for fundraising

Dee Anne

1. Anything that needs to be mailed
2. Paper shuffling...
3. Shutterbug

Nolita

1. Correct "Coupling" page – done!
2. Create military dedication page
3. Check into quote for videography for Saturday night event
4. Bring updated list of contact information to next and subsequent meetings



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NEW INFORMATION

- PLEASE GIVE GERALD A CLAP ON THE BACK!!! Gerald has located a marble bench at a quarry in the western panhandle and the owner is DONATING the bench if he picks it up. (yippie!) He also found a place in the metro the will make a plaque or carving into the marble. There is a small cost for this service but nothing too extreme and Gerald will have a list of sayings for the committee's approval at the next meeting. Any questions call Gerald direct at 820-4829.
- FUNDRAISER IDEA – Julie Trent has a friend who owns a snow cone machine. She said we could borrow it to use in fundraising and suggested maybe we try it at the May Fair. Good idea. Any suggestions from the group on when/where to do the snow cones and details on how to do this?
- ADVERTISING IDEAS and SOUVENEIRS – Jamie Moss Barker owns a company called Premier Advertising <http://www.premieradv.com/>. She offered to help with ideas on souvenirs as well as give us a good deal on the costs. She suggested an "I survived my reunion" koosie or similar item (which sounds really great!) and she also does t-shirts. We should definitely get quotes from her and enlist her help.
- REUNION MEDIA IDEA – Realizing that not everyone who wants to attend the reunion will be able to attend, I thought it might be neat if we had them submit video greetings and put them into a video to run at some event (maybe the dinner during dessert) and also to be put on the reunion DVD.
- NEW MEMBERS – Chad Eley and John Rhea have volunteered to serve on the committee so we now have 30 members!
- SEARCH TEAM – Peter Stawicki has signed up to help Joseph, Nolita & Tamara on the search committee (yea!).
- SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING - Joseph had a good suggestion that we look into advertising/sponsoring on our website for money. *I am not sure if we can do this legally because we are not a business. I would LOVE to take their money for our use, but we need to look into the legality of doing such before we start asking around.*
- EVENT SPONSORSHIP – Ruta had a neat idea along the lines of what Joseph suggested. We could try to find sponsors for different events. i.e. a company selling fractions/owning 1/10th of a property in places similar to St. Lucia (which is where Ruta is building a hotel). There are probably some people who wish they had a home or reason/place to stay in Norman. She saw a company with a show room on campus corner who was selling condos in Norman. Our reunion would be a perfect place to get some sales leads for that company and so in exchange they could sponsor a cocktail party or something.
- FOUND ALUMNI: Out of 691 alumni (some of the entries I got from classmates in 7/04 might be bogus) we have (NOTE: there are many that have been notified that have not confirmed their contact information by updating via the web form).
 - 110 confirmed
 - 30 Reunion committee members
 - 25 Unconfirmed but have e-mail address
 - 518 Unconfirmed/No e-mail
 - 2 Not Interested
 - 6 Deceased