

Mac 1970's 70th Birthday Party Planning Committee Meeting

Chester's @ Hollywood Park Meeting Room

11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2022

Attendees: Steve Hart, Larry Armstrong, Butch Gerfers, Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle), Ted Wood, Ron Zimmerman, Richard Miller, Steve & Liz Bailey, Connie Cox (Cunningham), LaVerne Blaschke (Dysart), Vandy Dinkins (Lange)

Butch distributed copies of the responses to the survey asking those who were interested in volunteering to work on the committee as well as input and suggestions for consideration of the party. Committee members had input and suggestions as well and a list of venues was discussed. The committee narrowed this list down to La Hacienda De Los Barrios, The Windmill Icehouse, Chris Madrid's, Paloma Blanca, Oak Hills Lane Bowling Alley, and The Botanical Gardens. Members volunteered to visit these venues and report back to the committee at the next meeting. Those volunteers are as follows:

Ted Wood – La Hacienda AND Oak Hills Bowling Alley

Steve Hart – The Windmill Icehouse

Butch – Chris Madrid's

Larry – Paloma Blanca

Vandy – The Botanical Gardens

Larry suggested that perhaps venues (such as La Hacienda, for example) would be less crowded if the party was held in the middle of the week and not the weekend. Other committee members chimed in and said Thursday would be appropriate.

The majority of the committee felt that fall would be best, even though most will have already turned 70 by that time. The year was the goal! We homed in on September or October and ultimately, but tentatively, zeroed in on **Thursday, *October 13th** [four fists from a full moon ☺, making traveling by moonlight easier ;)]

Ideas were tossed around about things at the party. We anticipate 50-75 people attending.

From Steve B.: Have classmates bring their favorite birthday picture, have a baby picture contest, have a Zoom screen available for those classmates that can't make it to the party, have a birthday cake (Ted insists it not be one of those s__tty ones from Costco!), have classmates bring memorabilia they still have, have a memorial display, have a calendar from 1951, 1952, 1953 for classmates to write in their birth date.

From Ron: Create a film with classmates talking about their most memorable event in their life (excluding births of a child or marriages) and post it on the website for classmates to look at either before or after the party.

From Larry: Suggests we keep the gathering a birthday party and not another reunion. Keep it simple.

The next committee meeting date was set for **Saturday, March 12, 2022 @ 11:30** at Chester's again. Meeting stopped at approximately 12:45 p.m.

***We planned on having the event on a Thursday and mistakenly chose the October 9th date during our discussion.**