

Mac Reunion Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2022

11:30 a.m. @ Chester's, Hollywood Park

Attendees:

Steve Hart, Larry Armstrong, Butch Gerfers, Jennifer Sonnen (Zimmerle), Ted Wood, Ron Zimmerman, Steve & Liz Bailey, LaVerne Blaschke (Dysart), Vandy Dinkins (Lange), Rick Sartor

Butch distributed a copy of the September minutes for the committees review, comments, and approval.

A review of the venues for the 70th birthday celebration was then presented:

The Windmill Ice House report was given by Steve H. Steve presented all positives on this venue. It is a local family-owned business located close to MacArthur, there is plenty of parking at the location (ice house parking, side street parking, church parking across the street), there is no charge for having a group at the venue, they will section off an area for us, music from the era can be streamed through their Roku (or the like) w/ adjustable volume, covered and open areas for dining, BYOB with a corkage fee (wine & beer on site for purchase) & good barbecue...."pay as you go", and we can bring in a birthday cake.

The **Chris Madrid's** report was presented by Butch. He talked with the owner and Julie in charge of catering to find that they will not allow separate checks. There would have to be a set menu with one check as payment.

Vandy gave her report on **The Botanical Gardens**. To rent the Betty Kelso center, the fee would be \$7000 w/ other areas renting for \$450 each with a 200-person minimum.

Ted W. was responsible for viewing two venues. His report covered **The Lanes at Oak Hills** and **La Hacienda de los Barrios**. The bowling alley would only allow 40 people, 5 on each of 8 lanes which would be too small for our group. La Hacienda would have a space inside with no fee. They would serve buffet style for a \$24-\$38 fee, but would allow individuals to keep a running bar tab with a credit card on file. They would have to know a month in advance for a reservation.

Larry's report featured **Paloma Blanca**. Owned by the same family as Chris Madrid's, the report was the same....no separate checks and a set menu.

Discussion of the venues ensued. Steve B. likes the idea of the proximity of The Windmill Ice House to the Mac campus in case classmates want to drive by to see their new façade. LaVerne thinks no venue on our list can top the "pros" of The Windmill Ice House....separate checks, BYOB, etc. Jennifer made the motion that The Windmill Ice House be chosen as the venue for the 70th birthday party for the class of 1970. Steve H. seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous for committee members approval.

At that point the conversation revolved around the time of day to host this party. Times of 11-5, 3-8, 4-9, and 5-? were thrown around. There was much discussion. Jennifer made a motion that the party start at 4:00 p.m and end at the closing time of 9:00 p.m. Steve B. seconded the motion and the motion carried for committee members' approval.

Butch suggested classmates may like a tour of the Mac campus and asked for a volunteer to look into the possibility. Steve B. volunteered and will have information for the committee at the next meeting. The next meeting was set for Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11:30 at The Windmill Ice House where the class of '67 is hosting their 55th reunion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.