

## The Lost Meeting Minutes

by The Great Procrastinator

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It should be expected that I would cry “Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa” and apologize for getting the minutes from the January and March meetings prepared so late. However, in the political traditions of our generation I am going to blame my delinquency on our leader, El Jeffe Peterson, aka: “The Great One,” “The Lord of the Manor,” and “Commander of All He Sees.” As I have pointed out many times, I was appointed to this position and did not volunteer. Any resulting problems are the fault of His Eminence for selecting the One committee member who received the lowest first quarter grade in his typing class at EHS (before quitting the class and resolving never to type again).

No one has yet had the good sense to replace me as the Scribe of the Class. Therefore, I will now, in my ham-handed, time-tortured best method, to once again inadequately do my duty by reporting the events of them (read out loud as “dem”) meetings. Of course this is based on my faulty and ever-aging memory, so at most this will only be a somewhat accurate retelling of the events. To keep friendships, preserve the sanctity of marriages, and save community property, nonbusiness events have been intentionally omitted. However, some people have lived much more interesting lives than others.

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### January 7, 2009 Meeting

**Place:** Juntila Residence (Carter was supposed to host but the remodel was still not completed)

Once again TGO (The Great One) called us into some semblance of order at somewhere between 6:30 and 7:00 pm. His Grace, and Our Ennobled Leader, had prepared an agenda which was sort of followed. (Apart from the slings and arrows I fire at Steve, his job at the meetings does resemble the herding of cats when trying to keep the committee going in one direction—and in the end, he does a great job.)

1. Hall Rental: Legion Hall was booked and \$1,100 was deposited by Dave “The Bagman” Dorsey and Billy “No E-mail” Tackitt. We had \$900 in the account, left over from the 40-year Reunion, and Billy came through with the extra two Hundy, carrying the day. Tentatively, the committee was looking at 3:00 pm to midnight for the total rental. We have to be completely out of the facility by midnight, but the real question was, “How many of us would make it that late and why?”
2. Catering: The issue of catering and how extensive of a bar we wanted was discussed at length. To reach a decision, we considered the number of attendees and the targeted costs of the event. A minimum of 50 people would be needed to realize our targeted cost goal of \$25-30 per person. In the end, interest in the event and the resulting number of attendees would determine the extent of the offerings and cost per person.
3. Decorations: The brief discussions on decorations were tabled for a future meeting because this would be influenced by the number of participants.

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4. Entertainment: A number of people expressed their desire to have dancing as part of celebration, so the matter was reviewed. Various options such as prerecorded music or disc jockeys were bounced around. It was concluded that this was also dependent on participation and a final decision would be made later.
  5. Transportation: The advisability of limousine service, carecab availability or designated drivers was next on the agenda. The committee appointed Billy “I don’t need no stinking computers” Tackitt to review this and report. Unfortunately for Billy, he was not there so was unable to decline.
  6. Accommodations: Because we did not know the response to the event, the committee was not prepared to negotiate room rate reductions with lodging providers. Alternately, it was decided that posting telephone numbers of local motels and hotels on the website would assist out-of- town attendees.
  7. Ticket Price and Purchasing: E-mail invitations were to be prepared by TGO “Lord of the Manor Peterson” and Wild Bill “Computer Dude” Hughes. The event and a call for response would also be posted on the website. (They were.) This was to take place within the next 30 days. (It did.) We decided to hold off on setting the amount to be charged per attendee until responses to the invitations could be counted. The potential for bailing out of the Legion Hall if we did not receive at least 50 attendees was brought up in this context. We learned we could cancel up to 14 days before the event if expected attendance was inadequate to cover the cost.
  8. Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, at Schmidt Chiropractic Clinic, starting at 6:30 pm.
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### **March 2, 2009 Meeting**

**Place:** Schmidt Chiropractic Clinic (wow what a nice facility-ed.)

El Jaffe (TGO) tried valiantly to get the meeting going at 6:30 pm. And, some time thereafter, we actually started. If we were all in school now, most of this committee would be diagnosed as having “attention deficit disorder.” Of course, this would give us access to prescription speed because doctors and psychologists over-diagnose this condition rather than try working with the children. Many of us would have fallen into this category had the quacks discovered this trash diagnosis in the 1950’s. (The foregoing opinion is the Scribe’s alone and is not the opinion of the committee or any of its other members.)

Once the meeting was semi-under control, the following agenda items were discussed:

1. Status Review and Communications: The list committing to attend the EHS ’67 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party was reviewed and we clearly have enough interested class members to go forward. (As an aside—I have heard that 60 is the new 40. However, I want each of you to search your soul and tell me that they would rather keep company with a 60-year old of the opposite sex as opposed to a 40-year old).

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2. Event Hours: The event will take place tentatively from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm, with the committee getting the hall to set up at 5:00 pm, on Saturday, July 25th.
3. Tickets: Advance sales will be by check, in the amount of \$25, payable to Annette Kerber, 23405 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave W., Edmonds, WA 98020. In order to receive e-mail confirmation and updates, please include your e-mail address. That is, unless like Billy Tackitt (and the late Leona Helmsley) you let the “little people” handle your electronic communications and don’t do e-mail. Cut-off for mail-in registration will be July 1, however for my fellow procrastinators, ticket prices at the door will be \$30.

*Ed. note – For those who “do” the Internet and e-mail thing, you will find a handy online registration form on the class homepage, at [www.EHS1967.com](http://www.EHS1967.com). Simply click the big baby blue button, fill it out the form on your screen, print it, and send it to Annette along with your check.*

4. Entertainment: It was decided to have dancing for 2 to 3 hours. Both Susie Peterson Schmidt and Don Carter were to check on DJs and reports back at the next meeting. Mr. Entertainment, Steven “Bye Bye Birdie” Juntilla, was to do some programming again so we would have background music.
5. Catering: Because of the start time, consideration was being given to doing heavy hors d’oeuvres. Also for the cake, which was felt by some to be mandatory for all of us birthday folk, a sheet type cake was going to be explored. Susie Schmidt, our gracious hostess for the evening, volunteered to look into these areas and report back at the next meeting.
6. Decorations: Susie Peterson Schmidt, Kathy Stewart Romstad, Sue Jensen Aaby’ an Annette Kerber graciously agreed to do the decorations. Their budget will be set at the next meeting. (Unlike Tackitt, when these fine women volunteered to do this, I vowed I would not state “let the gals do it.”)
7. Name Tags: Unfortunately it was decided that we needed “stinking badges” to tell our class mates who we had been before the onset of wrinkles, extra flesh, and dementia. That was ostensibly the reasoning behind having badges. However, I am certain that, with us staying up beyond 10:00 some will need name tags to remember who they are and why they are there. In any event The Head Dude, “Master of Manor,” and Annette, are lining up the program and technology to pre-print the name tags. (If left to me the names would be an illegible scrawl on one of those tasteless preprinted, glue backed pieces of emaciated pseudo cardboard that announces to no one in particular “HELLO MY NAME IS\*\*\*\*\*. These little pieces of schmaltz are akin to the ubiquitous waiter who arrives at your table and announces their name, as if (1) they really care about the quality of their service (instead of the amount of the anticipated tip); or (2) think they are doing a service to you by needlessly telling you a fact you will forget upon their leaving with your drink order.

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8. Greeting: Committee members will greet at the door, working in half hour shifts, to make certain the appropriate welcome is extended. If you would like to make certain the curmudgeon writing these minutes is excluded because he is too sardonic for this task, please e-mail the Head Dude with a request that “Carter not be anywhere near the door.”
9. Budget Issues: The Fearless (or is it feckless?) Leader will talk with Billy “I Don’t Do Voicemail” Tackitt regarding the Bar and servers. A point of consideration was raised about potential liability issues by that Damn Trial Lawyer. The plan was to tie all catering aspects into one potential provider.
10. Invitations: Mr. Number One volunteered to draft invitations for the event. Upon vote of the committee present, it was decided to not have a joint function with CHS. However, if our class members individually want to invite CHS friends they certainly can do so. The online registration form provides the appropriate space for naming guests.
11. Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on April 20, 2009, at Schmidt Chiropractic Clinic, following a 6:00 pm tour of the Legion Park facility. (The April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting took place on schedule, as planned.)

*Ed. Note – You’re welcome to attend the next meeting, date to be announced, particularly if you have any unanswered questions about the event. However, if you attend, be advised you may get an assignment to help now or during the event.*

12. Post Meeting Notes: In the old “Dragnet” TV crime series, names were changed to “protect the innocent.” I had decided to spill the beans about the post meeting disclosures some made as well as the “mannerisms” discussed. Upon reflection I realized that “What happens at meetings, stays at meetings.” If you want to know what has been going on for the last 40-plus years with your committee friends, you are going to have to come to the meetings, participate and then socialize afterward.

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Humbly and contritely submitted at 2:00 pm on April 20, 2009, so no one can correct, counsel, or cajole me about the contents,

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