

April 20 & June 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes

By Sweetness, AKA Sweet DW

April 20, 2009 Meeting

Place: Schmidt Chiropractic Clinic, Everett

Notes from the ever faithful, but always delinquent scribe: Has everyone else noticed that time and the speed with which it passes are directly proportional to our age? When we are below ten years of age, time passes at a snail's pace and days are interminably long. If one were to make an analogy to a car's speedometer, a ten-year-old's time passes at ten miles per hour. When we fast forward to age 60, our time seems to be passing us by at a mile a minute. Each day seems to pass in a blur as we try to keep up with our work and our lives, knowing time will only move faster for us as we age. OK, that is enough of an attempt at philosophical BS to try to explain why I am once again late in discharging my duties to the committee in writing this barely decipherable clap-trap which will be lamely passed off as the meeting minutes. Truthfully, I once again put the notes down and did not bother to think about them until contacted by the always conscientious Kathy Stewart Romstad. Kathy once again caused another brief moment of guilt in realizing I had yet to touch pinkies to keys and bloviate exponentially about the last meeting. Over the last several years of serving as the unwilling (and witless) class scribe, I have discovered that no matter what drivel I pour out on these pages all on the committee are willing to accept my meager verbal drool, mainly because no one wants to be targeted as my replacement.

More notes from the scribe: At the preceding meeting there was sufficient wine consumed that some disclosures were made that may have caused the light and/or non-imbibers to raise their eyebrows or at least realize that they had lived less than some of the other members. Fortunately for all of us there is a confidentiality clause all committee members must observe in order to serve on this august body. At this last meeting more caution was observed, so no confessions were made before I left the meeting early with Dave (the Bag Man) Dorsey. I am hopeful that at the upcoming meeting the old EHS spirit of "Drink Early-Drink Often" will take over so that I can live the adventures of others vicariously.) Now, for the minutes . . .

El Jefe, Fearless Leader, Seer of all Truth, Knower of all Knowledge, and Master of his own universe, Steve Peterson, called the meeting to order at somewhere approximating 6:30 p.m. at the Schmidt Chiropractic office, after the committee had visited Legion Park to view the facility for the event. (Yes, it does look smaller than when we were younger, but so does everything else).

The Great One and Head Cat Herder (SP) had once again prepared an agenda, probably with the knowledge that once again its logical sequence would only partially be followed by the committee.

1. Facilities: After the trip to Legion Hall, the committee members were uniformly convinced the right decision regarding the venue for the 60th class birthday party had been made. The comments were favorable about not only the building but the outside

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spaces and the views. Surprisingly some of the women on the committee did not remember the Hall having such good views, but each of them remembered the spectacular view from the parking strip across the road.

2. Registration: Annette Kerber reported that the registrations had been coming in slowly. The cost of the tickets was reviewed, with the pre-pay price set at \$25 until July 1, and the price thereafter at \$30 per person. Another notice was to be sent out in June to try to encourage pre-registration. This announcement will be sent out with a link back to the web site to facilitate easier downloading of the form.
3. Guest Policy: Steve Peterson reviewed the invitations and the fact that any EHS '67 Class member could invite as many guests as he or she chose. However, this is not an open event and is intended as a time to get together with friends and class members in a casual setting.
4. Catering and Bar: It was decided we would have a No Host Bar serving cocktails, beer, wine, pop and water. The drink price would be \$3 per drink. There was a brief discussion regarding the need for a banquet permit, but because it was required under the facilities rental agreement, the committee concluded that it would be needed for the event. Susie PS agreed to apply for the permit on behalf of the committee. The application will be done one week to ten days before the event. Since Susie and Bill had recently used a catering service for their open house and gave them rave reviews, Susie will handle the contact and bring us back an agreement at the next meeting. For the cake (always a necessary item), Susie and Kathy will be handling its acquisition.
5. Decorations: This is proceeding through the planning stages and the women (no Bill we do not call them "the gals") on the committee will make the final decision since it is obvious the guys (since I am one, I can use this term) have no skill or sense of taste.
6. Entertainment: Otto Olsen has been spoken with and we will hire him at a budgeted amount of \$400. We will ask him to DJ from 8-11 p.m. (How many of us really stay up that late normally?)
7. Budget: The budget was set at \$2,300, which, with the number attending, will leave us without a reserve. In the past we have had a reserve of \$900, which was utilized for the Hall rent.
8. Miscellaneous Items: Bill ("I don't need no stinking computer") Tackitt will be supplying the drink cups and cocktail napkins (and getting free advertising for the Buzz Inns, JR establishments and his Casino, if I know Bill). Susie and Kathy will be taking care of the plates, dinner napkins and utensils.
9. Next Meetings Scheduled: The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at Schmidt Chiropractic on June 15, 2009. The last meeting before the event will be at Don Carter's house, 4708 Seahurst Avenue, Everett, on July 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (Two driveways south of The Entertainer's home.)

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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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June 15, 2009 Meeting

Place: Schmidt Chiropractic Clinic, Everett

Planning meeting for the class' 60th birthday party. (Or, according to my son, for the "geezer gathering.")

Scribe's Note: My father, who lived to see his one hundredth birthday, would tell me that aging is not for the timid. I did not understand this until in my 50's when the low back failed after a fall skiing that previously would not have resulted in an injury. Since then I have suffered the indignities of further musculoskeletal insults and injuries like so many in our class. Whenever we meet one another it seems that a litany of injuries and arthritic complaints spew forth. When someone commented to me that "60 is the new 40", I realized that they had either: (a) used too many recreational drugs in their youth and were in a delusional flashback; (b) had become a sucker for the marketing of the "active communities" in Arizona and Southern California (which are still Gumby Farms for Seniors): or (c) actually believed that Viagra and the other "stiffening" agents were the fountain of youth sought by Ponce de Leon. I prefer thinking it was (a) Having now reached or almost reached 60, it seems that, even with the health issues cropping up, most of us are happier and more contented with whom we have grown into and what we have become. The old axiom that "Youth is too often wasted on the young" seems truer than ever as we look back. That which we worried so much about in our 20's, 30's and 40's usually never happened, or if it did it was never as bad as we imagined. Time has healed most of the personal slights which once affected us and with age we have learned to forgive, or at least tolerate most of the people who angered us in our younger years. I expect that those of us who make it to the mini-reunion and 60th birthday party will find that most all of us have changed for the better from that which we were trying to be in 1967. I look forward to seeing all the survivors of our youth.

His Eminence, the all seeing, all knowing, all powerful Numero Uno Dude, Steve F. Peterson I, called or attempted to call the meeting to order at the scheduled time of 6:30 pm.. As is the normal occurrence at these meetings, the time for starting is sort of like trying to contain liquid mercury it flows without restraint wherever it will. After the committee members had orally reviewed the disclosures made by one of our own at the last meeting regarding his numerous attempts at serial monogamy. The description of buying and giving away homes was not conveyed with the same enthusiasm expressed by Oprah when she gives away expensive gifts. In any event we were able to get going when there was a lull in the otherwise more interesting conversation.

1. Registration: Annette Kerber reported that she had mailed out registrations in addition to the email and had received a number back. We had over 30 registered and would need help at the door with sign up. We will be using a sign up/registration form which will

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enable us to get current information. Annette donated an announcement in the paper which was gratefully acknowledged.

2. Budget: We will have used up most, if not all of the \$800 reserve held over from the 40th reunion. A donation jar will be at the reunion to help fund the next reunion. We are on budget to break even. A suggestion was made that a pole dancing contest could be held as a potential profit center during the evening festivities, however it was pointed out that the potential for liability for injuries to the participants (sprains, fractures, etc.) and to the observers (blindness, injuries from insensitive remarks, etc) was far too great. We have lined up a DJ (Otto Olson) and selected a caterer. Donations for name tags is being made by Steve "President For Life" Peterson and the plates, napkins, etc are being donated personally by the ever youthful (I am being paid to be nice to him) Peter "the cabin boy" Knehr.
3. Golf: Billy "I am a Golfer" Tackitt and Dave "Will golf for food" Dorsey are trying to put together a golf outing for several foursomes on the day of the reunion. Legion has a big tournament that day and the possibility of getting the class members who belong to Everett Golf to sponsor was discussed. Humble Don was asked to look into seeing who is in town and willing to do so.
4. Decorations: Sweet Sue Jensen Aaby brought in some decorative items and it was unanimously decided by all the guys present that this was to be up to Sue, Susie, Kathy and Annette. Otherwise the only decorations we (the guys) felt were necessary were fresh large plastic cups.
5. Volunteers: We will have registration going on at the doors and DWC will assign the groups for the 6-6:30 and 6:30-7 shifts. Susie will see who else we may be able to get to volunteer.
6. Bar: Susie will get the banquet permit required by Everett Parks Department. Billy will supply the portable bar and the servers. Drinks will be \$3 each and will include beer, wine and bar liquor (what did you expect Johnny Walker Green Label? If you are Diamond Bob Lee the answer is "yes".)
7. Hours: We are going to go from 6pm until 11pm. The easy way to remember this is that the event will start at the same time the early bird specials start and will end two hours after our normal bed times.
8. Next meeting: Susie and Bill Schmidt had been kind enough to allow us once again use their wonderful new office for this meeting. The next meeting (but not the last for the committee) will be on July 9 at 6:30 pm at the Carter's, at 4708 Seahurst Avenue.

Submitted with my usual modest humility,
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