



1. *Attendees: Liia Vilms, Henry Marcy, Ken Marshal, Ron Goodman, Steve Weddle, Betsy Peterson, Bob Adams, Sienna Leis, Liz Orenstein*
2. *Call in: Jane Simon, Heidi Fiske, Bill Markus*
3. Hotel – Double Tree Suites
  - a. Update on rooms / rates/ parking
    - i. Parking will be available and there will be a free shuttle from the B-school to DoubleTree and to the Yard
    - ii. There will also be parking at the Everett St, Oxford St, and Storrow Dr garages
    - iii. There will be a second shuttle from DoubleTree to the yard
    - iv. Parking at DoubleTree will be \$15 for the day and at a reduced rate of \$30 for overnight
    - v. Reserved for 60<sup>th</sup> reunioners at Doubletree are 70 rooms for the first night (Monday); 80 rooms for the other three nights (Tuesday thru Thursday), with an additional 4 disabled accessible rooms for all 4 nights; and 20 rooms for Friday night
    - vi. Student drivers with cars (“paid” with tips) will be available at key locations during the times when reunion various events are letting out
  - b. Options for alternative hotels
    - i. Staybridge Hotel in Quincy (\$180/night, inclusive of breakfast and parking, plus tax) on the Red Line
    - ii. Liberty Hotel near MGH also on the Red Line
    - iii. Whitney Hotel across from MGH?
    - iv. We can let classmates know that these locations exist without making any kind of agreement with the hotels
4. Monday evening reception at DoubleTree
  - a. Reception Monday evening will be in the Charles River Room
    - i. Pop-up bar will be in room
    - ii. Open bar 7-9pm with cost assessed based on consumption
    - iii. Bar changes to a cash bar after 9pm
    - iv. Heavy Hors D ’Oeuvres
      1. Budget numbers will be sent out after the meeting
      2. Sienna explained budget model of having a budget number and then making choices with the vendors that fit within that range
5. Emerson as our ‘hub’
  - a. Emerson is confirmed as 60<sup>th</sup> reunion “hub”
  - b. There will be 1-3 students assigned to our 60th reunion working at our HQ and floating at the events
  - c. Hospitality suite?
    - i. Sienna has requested a Freshman Common Room
    - ii. There is no secure storage for luggage



1. We could hire a student, through the HAA, to run coat-check and watch bags.
  - iii. We can provide a changing room for women
  - d. Emerson contains lecture halls / classrooms for program discussion
    - i. There are a couple of large lecture spaces in case we want to host concurrent sessions
6. Tuesday program schedule –
- a. Boston Children’s Chorus – update from Bob Adams
    - i. Change to Tuesday at Emerson, the later the better because kids need to be able to get out of school and be transported to Harvard
    - ii. Rehearsal /Performance time
      1. Tentative performance at 5pm
      2. 20-30 min practice time prior to performance
  - b. Jack Reardon talk
    - i. 2:15-3pm or 3:15-4pm is when Jack is available
  - c. Proposed tours - potentially 9:30am-12pm
    - i. Sienna suggests Boston Historical Tours (Approx. \$200)
      1. Tours can be topic specific
      2. Sienna will provide contact info
    - ii. Allston – Brighton
      1. Via Bart Dunbar: Will Donham suggested that if we want an overview of Allston, because the buildings aren’t accessible, the best thing to do would be to get access to the top floor of the DoubleTree and have their speaker point out the buildings and tell them about their features, etc. from there.
    - iii. Harvard Art Museum, Peabody Museum, Scientific Instruments, Hutchins African American Museum, Crimson Key Tours, etc.
      1. Class will come up with a list of “self-guided tour” ideas
      2. Harvard App which shows where shuttles are, various museums and their hours, lectures taking place, emergency numbers, etc.
  - d. Special interest groups (Call it Mini-Reunions)
  - e. 1:00 - 2:00 Lunch (tent)
  - f. 6:30 Dinner at Lowell House
    - i. No Open Mic Night!
7. Wednesday program schedule –
- a. Crimson Society – Wednesday morning, time TBD
    - i. Panel about “Student Life as It Is Today” (Note: Subsequent to this 12/10 meeting, we learned that this panel will not be held; therefore, the nature of the Crimson Society programming is now unknown)
  - b. Thanksgiving and Memorial Service - Henry & Betsy reporting - Potentially Wednesday Morning
    1. David Greene has asked to assist with the service



2. Jane and Henry as Class Secretaries are going to reach out and find readers and ushers. If a Reunion Planning committee member has a recommendation, please forward the name to Jane or Henry
  3. David and Betsy may include a Muslim reading to represent that faith
  4. Class will need boutonnieres for ushers and readers
- ii. Choir rehearsal
1. Sienna has asked the Memorial Church event staff for information about timing for both this and the Thanksgiving and Memorial Service itself
  2. Choir needs an hour or so of rehearsal time
  3. In the past, the Choir has rehearsed in Holden Chapel
  4. The Choir, ushers and those directly involved in the service need to get into Memorial Church a half hour before the service begins
- c. Classes photo
- i. Ideally after the Memorial Service on Wednesday morning
- d. Updates on two topics agreed on
- i. Possible concurrent sessions?
    1. 10:45 – 12:15 Ron Goodman – ‘Education in Retirement’
      - a. Title approved
    2. 1:45 – 3:30 Heidi Fiske – ‘Life experience’
      - a. Heidi wants to change the panel title
      - b. Some are concerned that this topic may not be appealing to some of the attendees
      - c. Could there be an open room for this discussion to happen at the same time as another session?
      - d. Or, perhaps, this session involves a short panel, followed by breakout sessions for those wishing to continue with discussion (while others do something else)
      - e. Originally, we had agreed to Heidi’s intended topic -- the difference between the expectation and the reality of life – to be developed by Heidi, Margaret And Carol
    3. After the discussion above, Ron floated the idea of not having panel topics at all but just a couple of rooms where people can come and talk during pre-determined times. There would be room facilitators for each room.
  - ii. Possible third topics
    1. Student Life Then and Now? – panel to include current students if the Crimson Society panel conflicts with the Memorial Service and Classes Photo (see 7ai above)
    2. Types of Housing in Retirement?
    3. Health Care?
    4. Ed Sutton to discuss the economy?



- iii. Possible experts to present?
  - 1. CRISPR technology?
    - a. An expert would be needed
    - b. Recent Radcliffe Institute presentation – follow up to find out who presented
  - 2. Embedding Ethics into all Harvard areas of study?
    - a. Expert Alison Simmons, Philosophy Department (Rockefeller Scholar)
- e. 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch (possibly Faculty Club?)
- f. 6:30 – 9:00 Class Dinner (Clambake in tent)
- g. 8:00+ Harvard Band and Glee Club Concerts (Tercentenary Theater)

- 8. 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion memento – update from Bart Dunbar
  - a. 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion memento is in progress and on schedule

**ACTION ITEM: Ask Bart to send a more detailed update via email as this item affects budget**

- 9. Budget - review by Steve Weddle

**ACTION ITEM: Steve is still awaiting a copy of the detailed expenses for Class of 1959**

**ACTION ITEM: There's still information regarding budget that Steve is waiting for answers to. Find the email he sent and see if I can get him those answers.**

- a. Approx. cost will be \$400 according to Steve
  - i. Sienna contradicts that and reiterates it should be closer to \$500
  - ii. Steve acknowledges that it's probably due to costs he's not able to see when doing his projections
- b. Registration fee
  - i. Why do classmates have to pay a registration fee?
    - 1. Steve explained the registration fee covers the ancillary costs like food for meetings and the mailings that are sent out, etc. etc.
    - 2. Widows will not be asked to pay the registration fee, but they will be paying everything else.
- c. Mailing
  - i. The minimum mailing cost is \$4000 because of Save the Date card and paper registration forms
- d. Cost of Meals – All food and drink costs are paid by the classes
  - i. There is both a Full Package versus A La Carte so people can choose what they wish to attend and minimize their cost to some extent
    - 1. Breaking up into day and evening doesn't impact overall attendance numbers, if anything it makes the numbers higher
  - ii. Mon.: Heavy hors d'oeuvres
  - iii. Tues: Tent lunch / Lowell House dinner
  - iv. Wed: Lunch at Faculty Club / Evening Clambake
- e. Alcohol policy/costs
  - i. On campus, the options are either a cash bar or an open bar



- ii. Fewer classmates drink these days and, yet, they're still being asked to pay for those who do

10. Mailings

- a. With the cost of paper mailings being so high, why isn't the class sending all its messaging via email?
- b. Sienna is looking into a different print house and other options for lowering costs

11. 'Save the Date' card

- a. The cards should be hitting people's mailboxes as soon as next week

**ACTION ITEM: Check with Diane about whether people's updated addresses and email addresses have been submitted to ADS (as that is where the Cards are sent)**

12. New Business

- a. Bill Markus wants to look at other caterers because of the 30% markup
  - i. Sienna reiterated constraints associated with spaces allowing other caterers but said that we can investigate changing spaces to give more flexibility
  - ii. Sienna is arranging a future meeting at which this committee will have Fosters Clambake as the lunch provider, so we can consider whether or not we would prefer to use them more than just for our Wednesday evening clambake
- b. Latest list of people who've expressed interest in attending according to Henry is 123.
  - i. 26 Radcliffe and 97 Harvard
  - ii. Henry will send out comparison list of people who haven't responded yet who did attend the 55<sup>th</sup> reunion so the committee can reach out to them

13. Next Meeting

- a. **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 12-2:00pm, 124 Mt Auburn St, Room 603b**

**Join Zoom meeting**

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