



Well, it has been a couple of weeks since our alumni reunion and I wanted to send a re-cap out to all those that could not make it.

It began with a rough start, we only had 123 pre-registered for meals, and we did not have a pianist for church service, had a bit of a problem getting the church doors open and the audio system set up. But, once things were set, the service began without a problem. A big thanks goes out to all those that assisted in the church service but, a “Job Well Done” goes to Jemina Espinoza-Howlett '93 and Kimberly Shaver-Little '90 for the wonderful job in leading the song service “A Capella”. Also a big thanks to Gary McCary '70 for the great job in leading the Hallelujah Chorus. It was amazing!

The sermon could not have been more appropriate and meaningful. Thank you to Pastor Keith Jacobson of the honored Class of 1970!

We had a very informative presentation from Debby Syverson, Development Liaison of the new SPA. She shared a video on the school, thanked us for the scholarships/grants that were awarded to two students at their graduation this year. Debby also took questions from the audience. I feel that our relationship with the new school is growing and becoming more solid. They were very welcoming and supportive to our needs this year.

Some good news! This last year we (the Board) have been working on getting the school to start some traditions that we shared at the school like; having a “Grove Night” and having a fire ring. After some strong considerations they now want to try having dinner in the Grove and Johnny Ellison, the cook is very excited about doing this.

This will take some help from us to help them get the serving area ready, and purchase a BBQ and fire ring. We have decided to take on another Grove project and included in the project we want to restore the Walter Cox “Fountain of Youth” and re-dedicate the grove in honor of Mr. Walter Cox. More information

will be coming regarding this. We will be gearing up for another fund raiser and looking for individuals that will be able to donate time, supplies, skills or money. If you have any skills that would be helpful for this project, please contact me.

Overall the 2010 reunion was a success! We had approximately 240 in attendance, the weather was great and we had just enough food. There was a good showing of the honored classes, especially the class of '70, who had 37 classmates. I believe they had the most in attendance. We still need to work hard on the younger years; there were no representatives from the class of 1997.

There was only one candidate for the Vice-President position, the board has decided to keep Danny Goff '70 as Vice-President for another term. Our wonderful Carol Davidson- '58 has resigned as Sgt. at Arms for personal reasons. She will be missed! Carol will continue doing a great job as the Class of '58 Coordinator. The board has appointed Ivy Westmoreland '74. Ivy has been one of our strongest Class Coordinators and we are sure she will do a great job as Sgt. at Arms.

We raised \$1812.99 with the church offering and extra lunch payments. After the scholarship/grant awards and cost for the reunion, we will have a few hundred dollars to put in the bank for next year's scholarship/grant award. It would be nice to have enough money each year so, we the association could pay for everyone's lunch at reunion and we don't have to barely make it.

Please keep the association in mind. Now more than ever the association needs your help. Just think of what good things we could do, if there was more financial support.

I would like to thank all those that made special arrangements to make the reunion. I know quiet a few came from great distances. Just from my class we had classmates from Arizona, Nevada, Georgia, Chicago, Oklahoma, and Hawaii! We all missed those that couldn't make it and hope to see you next year.

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