

AHS Class of 1963
60th Reunion Wrap Up Meeting
November 27, 2023
Merry Acres Gazebo

Susan Hudgens Harper opened the meeting in Chairman John Sherman's absence. In addition to Susan those attending were Lynda Medley Campbell, Nan Murphy Claypool, Lucy Holman Stone, Claire Rushton Allen, David Moncrief, Betty Thornton Gotsch and Pat Rose Duggan.

Susan began the meeting by thanking Lynda Campbell for the outstanding job she did coordinating the reunion activities with the Merry Acres Inn and Event Center. Everyone agreed that the management and accommodations could not have been more pleasant.

Pat Duggan reported that a note of thanks had been sent to the management from the Class of 63 thanking them for their exceptional cooperation and wonderful food supplied by the Merry Acres staff and Chef.

Susan suggested that she and Winston McDonald discuss getting our AHS website's digital downloads put in a format that can be archived at the Thronasteeska Heritage Center Archives Department. She will be speaking to Winston about this in the near future.

Betty Gotsch was thanked for the lovely table arrangements that she had secured from the Albany Woman's Club. The committee voted to donate \$100 in appreciation of the club and in memory of Marian Chambless Sherman, who had been an active member of the organization.

Susan noted that the music on Saturday night was enjoyable but suggested that in the future the music begin after meal time or the volume be turned down in order to enjoy table conversation.

Lynda suggested that a note or e-mail expressing our regret that classmates who sent their registration fees were unable to attend. Susan said that she has their email addresses and will send a note to those.

All at the meeting agreed that an 80th Birthday Bash be planned in two years. Nan Claypool and Susan will keep and update classmates information. It was suggested that the next reunion be held on an off UGA football weekend. Lynda also proposed that the Birthday Bash should to be planned when Albany State College hasn't scheduled their homecoming. We should also check on dates for the Moultrie Farm Expo. Accommodations are difficult to secure on those weekends.

Lucy Stone passed out copies of the financial report. The beginning balance on January 1 2023, was \$4,889.73. After all expenses were paid, which included a recent bill for table

cloths of \$180 and the Albany Woman's Club flower donation of \$100, we have a balance of \$3,980.

Discussion ensued in regard to how best to distribute the \$3,980 left in our treasury. Lynda Campbell made a motion that \$500 be donated to Tunnels for Towers in memory/honor of our AHS Class of 63 classmates who served in the Vietnam War. Betty Gotsch seconded the motion and the motion carried. The remainder of the money will be held in reserve at Synovus Bank for the 2025 Birthday Bash. Plans for the birthday will begin next fall.

All committee members were thanked for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Rose Duggan

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