

50th Anniversary Committee Meeting Notes September 3, 2008

Attendance: Marilee Rogers, Sue Chelini, Robin Moller, Lynn Scadden, Martha Olney, Karen Barrett, Nancy Mandl, Deb Bendenelli, Richard Torney, Dick Gunn (Pigskin & Rugby), Caroline Nguyen (student) Eladia Laines (PTSA), Cindy Brown (PTSA)

50th Kick Off: Discussed final details of Lunch Plaza Dedication and 50th Kick Off on September 10th. (It was a huge success and made the front page of the Marin IJ! About 60 retired teachers attended, honoring 7 of the surviving 8 original staff: Don Kreps, Bob Troppman, Al Endriss, Art Chapman, Sid Gordon, Jim Pierce and Mardys Whiteman)

Tam 100: Sue Chelini talked about the Tam reunion. Had a lot of backup material. Guide lines for steering committee, publicity, committees...

Goal of the RHS 50th event:

- community building;
- celebration of Redwood's 50 years of excellence;
- reconnecting alumni and community with Redwood;
- staff and student reunions.
- Discussed using this opportunity to start an endowment.

Stakeholders:

RHS School Board

RHS Admin/Staff

Alumni & their parents

Current student body and their families

RHS Foundation

PTSA

Communities (City, Chamber of Commerce) Tiburon, Belvedere, Corte Madera, Larkspur, Kentfield, Ross

Need:

Buy-in from all stakeholders

Steering committee to direct progress

Road Map of how to proceed

Publicity to get assistance and promote awareness

This meeting led to a small meeting with Marilee Sue, Eladia and Robin who have developed a roadmap for the process. See additional notes below

First of all, the committee is now called the 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE and will be much broader than the previous Alumni 50th Committee. All alumni are still invited to participate on committees in order for this to be successful.

Please come to the next meeting:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 at 7:30 IN THE LIBRARY

More notes below

Notes from September 25, 2008 meeting (Marilee, Sue, Eladia, Robin)

50th Anniversary Committee

Need representation from each group for a steering committee

- Principal **Nancy Neu**
- Staff **Deb Bendenelli, Karen Barrett,** Dave Plescia, Mike Dibley
- Alumni **Marilee, Robin,** Jeannie Perry, Nancy Lubamersky, Tom Malvino, Richard Torney, Nancy Mandl, Jean Howe,
- Board of trustees **Ruth Dell**
- Foundation **Veronica Tunnucci,** Elaine Bengel,?
- PTSA **Cindy Brown, Eladia Laines, Laura Edwards,** (Molly Wuthrich, Susan Miltner)
- Students **Caroline Nguyen, Mallory Wheaten,** leadership class
- Community **Sue Chelini, Barbara Solomon** (Kit Hermann, Tish Borden, Kathy Hartzell, Mary Clyde ...
- Treasurer **Veronica Tunnucci**
- Webmaster/email (Lynn Scadden, Jeff Slavitz) ???

Events

September: Kick off September 10th

October

November

December

January

February

March

April:

- Friday night April 24 Reunion of the First Four Classes '59 – '62** (being planned by the Alumni Association, not the 50th Committee)

Possibility of other class reunions to be organized by individual classes 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's

- ☐ **Saturday April 25 Day on the Green** 10am –4pm music, tours of the school, food, activities, etc. (to be planned by the 50th Anniversary Committee)
- ☐ **Staff reunion** April 25 3-6 pm at Jason's in Greenbrae: for all people who worked at Redwood, teachers, classified, former BOT members, superintendents... (to be planned by the reitred teachers and current Redwood Social Committee, not the 50th Annviersary Committee)
- ☐ **Saturday night April 25 gala;** a tented affair off campus, possibly similar to the Larkspur Centennial Rose Bowl: Appetizers, no sit-down dinner, volunteer firemen at the bar?. Twinkly lights, under the stars, lots of dancing and music with tables to sit around and talk. Lovely setting. (to be planned by the 50th Anniversary Committee)
- ☐ **Sunday mini reunions,** pancake breakfast?

Sub-Committees (each event may need each of these committees)

Finance:

Ticket sales & attendee database

Donations/Fundraising/Sponsors

Publicity

Endowment campaign "50 years and the start of a new era":

Signage

Website

Community databases (towns, Lions Club, CM community fdn, schools foundations, RHS database, alumni database

Communications/email

Facilities/Venues:

Food/Drink

Set-up

Clean-up

Program planning

To Do:

- ☐ Create a budget for 50th anniv events
- ☐ Sue will write a grant proposal to the board of trustees, attaching this budget info. Needs to submit on September 30 for October 7 meeting.
- ☐ Nancy needs to talk to the Foundation and get them on-board, also advise re requesting money from the Board(s). Do they want to take advantage of this opportunity to create an endowment????
- ☐ Alumni Association should formally organize with slate of officers and by laws. Marilee will look into it