From: Hank Greenwald

To: Reunion Committee (List attached)

## Minutes Reunion Committee Meeting August 15, 2002

Note: If the reunion is as much fun as this meeting..... Again, I probably drank too much wine; but, the remarks about me being a gelding and something "retentive" were really unnecessary. It was great!

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 19th, Anne's house, 7500 Canal Blvd, 7:00pm, Menu: Gumbo (Jack), Cheesecake (Emil), Salad (Bonnie), Crawfish Fettuccini (Hank), and everybody else bring wine or desert.

1. Location Committee. Bonnie Dansereau (chair) reported in detail on The Astor's written quotation. Bonnie, George Solomon and Hank visited the hotel on July 29th. Because of George's contacts at the hotel, and his negotiating efforts on our behalf, we have received an outstanding offer which is less expensive and more generous than the other hotels that have far less to offer. The Location Committee was authorized by the Reunion Committee to negotiate a final package with The Astor and to place a deposit.

<u>THE ASTOR CROWNE PLAZA.</u> George has contacts there and experience working with the hotel's management staff. (Prices will be submitted by the hotel to George.)

<u>WYNDHAM METAIRIE</u> Hank will visit and collect information. (Done. Will report to Bonnie.)

<u>AIRPORT HILTON</u> A possibility to return there. Comfortable to those who were at the last reunion.

RENAISSANCE HOTEL The old Pere Marquette building

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- 2. Band Committee. Jack Geiger will chair. It was generally agreed that a band would be an improvement over last reunion's disk jockey, and that it should be a band that plays 50's and 60's music.
- 3. We will work toward a Target Price Per person for each attendee to choose from the following weekend events:

## Friday Night Party (grads only?) – possibilities include

Somebody's Big House

Treasure Chest Casino (might give us a private room and liquor)

Harrah's Casino (ditto)

Rock & Bowl (old Mid-City bowling lanes)

Pat O's (upstairs private room)

A combination of the above. Start at one place and transport to another.

Saturday Golf – We will ask Leif to chair.

<u>Saturday Night Reunion Party</u> – the following considerations were discussed:

Price per person – determine food and liquor possibilities
Price of block of reserved hotel rooms
Hospitality Suite
Is the location a "draw" or a "negative" influence?
Locate in New Orleans or Jeff Parish?
Lobby area where attendees can talk, away from the band
Ambience
Parking

**Sunday Brunch** – where and what time?

The Friday Night Party and the Sunday Brunch could be out-of-pocket.

- 4. The Communications Committee will be co-chaired by George Solomon and Anne Zoller Kiefer. George will look into the possibility of a website for our reunion. Other responsibilities for this committee would include our Database, various means of contacting members of the class, and locating teachers. Classmates.com was discussed as an alternative or addition to our own website. As the success of this committee will largely determine attendance, George and Anne will need a lot of help.
- 5. The reunion date of the weekend of August 16, 2003 was confirmed.
- 6. For future efforts:

Decorations
Badges with '63 photos
Photography
Video
Tee Shirts (Hank will contact Harry Mohre for donation, otherwise George can get for \$4)
Ditty Bag Contents
Scanning yearbook photos and projecting via PowerPoint
"Scholarship" assistance

## 7. Next Meeting:

Anne's House 7500 Canal Blvd 7:00pm Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> Pot Luck Dinner – Everyb

Pot Luck Dinner – Everybody bring a dish. Call Anne with questions, 282-5006.