

**Minutes from Class of '71 55th Reunion Planning
August 18, 2026**

Participants: Bill Arbogast SuAnn Brenner Rod Chamberlain
Rex Hassinger Carl Shields

Objective: *Finalize plans for the Oct 9 & 10 gathering and ways to increase attendance.*

- I. Welcome – and feedback on April 14 minutes.
Participants affirmed the minutes and then turned to the August 18 agenda.
- II. Finalization of Reunion Activities
 - a. **Friday, Oct. 9:**
 - i. 4:00 pm: Meet at JoJos and then depart for the football game around 6:00 pm. Bill will alert JoJos about our class gathering.
 - ii. 7:00 pm: Gather at the homecoming game at the two rows by a ramp. near the concession stand reserved by Assistant AD, Bobby Strickler.
 - b. **Saturday (10/10):**
 - i. 10:00 am: A tour of the high school, conducted by Assistant AD, Bobby Strickler.
 - ii. Class members are encouraged to enjoy breakfast before or after the tour with other classmates.
- III. Finalizing Approach to Encourage Participation
 - a. Bill will follow-up with Ezra Sassman to see if he might attend.
 - b. Other members of the planning committee will reach out to any classmates to encourage their attendance.
 - c. Carl will design and then set out a registration form on Sept. 8 which will qualify the person for the \$100 Amazon card raffle and their choice of one of four Mechanicsburg swag items (i.e., key chain, car magnet, lanyard, or water bottle) to be picked up at JoJos.
 - i. Carl will share a draft with the planning group prior to the registration website's official launch on Sept. 8.
 - ii. The website will include a list of those who have registered and send a confirmation to a person once he or she has registered.
 - iii. Registration will close on Oct. 2 – one week before the class reunion.
 - d. Rod and Bill have agreed to underwrite these costs since this gathering may be the last, best way to engage a larger number of our classmates.
 - i. Rod will get the Amazon Card.
 - ii. Bill will pick up the school store items the week of Oct. 5 based upon registration requests.
- IV. Next Meeting
The final check-in meeting is Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7 pm. Rod will send out a Zoom invite for the planning group's final meeting.