

**Minutes from Class of '71 55th Reunion Planning
Feb. 19, 2026**

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Objective: *Determine how we will celebrate our 55th so we can share that information via the MASH newsletter, Facebook page, and alumni calendar (**which must be determined prior to March 21, 2026**).*

I. Welcome and Quick Updates from Participants

Individuals shared where they were calling in from and one exciting thing in their lives – including recent travels and current activities.

II. Recent Reunion Efforts Around Jubilee Day – and Results

Reflections on the recent class reunion gatherings included:

- *Jubilee Day is not what it used to be – and doesn't draw folks like it used to in the past.*
- *The numbers of classmates who attended these small gatherings has been limited – although those who have attended enjoyed the time together (with a shout out to the Manotti's for their hospitality).*
- *It is not clear why local classmates do not attend.*

III. Suggested Options for the 55th:

- a. In Connection with Jubilee Day:
 1. Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game
 2. Riverboat Cruise
 3. Dinner at the American Legion
- b. In Connection with a Football Game/Band Performance
 1. Meal at JoJos
 2. Tour of High School
- c. Provide fun incentives.
 - a. Raffle (with Mechanicsburg items)
 - b. Giveaways (e.g., mugs, hats)
- d. Other Ideas?

Different ideas about how to package the 55th were discussed – and the group tentatively landed on the following concept:

- *Build the 55th around a home football game with the band half-time show. (Note: the team has been doing well for the past two years, and attendance is up for these games).*
- *Classmates would gather at 4:00 pm at JoJos around a few tables (rather than reserve the room for 80 folks) and individuals would order their own meals.*

- *To encourage pre-registration, there would be a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Some other give away for folks would be nice – but we all have enough mugs. We are looking for some other simple merch to share.*
- *Besides attending the game, the announcer would recognize the class gathering during the game.*
- *It would also be great to have some of our former teachers attend the meal, e.g., Bill Runkle and Marc Bartlebaugh,*
- *On Saturday, there would be a tour of the high school (and maybe the field house).*

V. Decisions & Next Steps

Recognizing the need to do a little more thinking about this new concept, the following next steps were identified:

- ***SuAnn will check with her contact on potential dates for us to gather around a football game.***
- ***Rod will contact Bob Mentzer to get an updated list of our classmates' contact info.***
- ***The group will reflect on the proposed package in item III with the goal of deciding at the next meeting.***
- ***Individuals are encouraged to do some research on how best to contact former teachers so that they might attend our 55th.***

VI. Next Meeting

Rod will send out a Zoom invite for the planning group's next meeting – March 3 at 7 pm (EST)