

**Minutes from Class of '71 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Planning  
March 3, 2026**

**Participants:** Bill Arbogast, SuAnn Brenner, Rod Chamberlain, Rex Hassinger

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

**Color text:** **Red** indicates a decision. **Blue** indicates an assignment,

- I. Welcome – and feedback on Feb. 19 minutes!  
**Participants affirmed the Feb. 19 minutes** and then turned to looking at the next steps as outlined in them.
- II. Follow-ups to Feb. 19 meeting
  - a. SuAnn – potential football game dates  
*SuAnn shared the first three home dates for the group's consideration. After talking about 8/28 (vs. CD) and 9/18 (vs. LD), **the group affirmed Oct. 9 (vs. Palmyra) as the game to build our 55<sup>th</sup> activities around.***
  - b. Rod – updated list of class of '71 alumni from Bob Mentzer  
*With SuAnn's support, Rod was able to get the updated list of the Class of '71 contact info from Bob Mentzer. Our focus in communicating will be via digital media rather than postal addresses.*
  - c. Carl – response from classmates from Feb. 20 posting of minutes  
*Carl had earlier shared via email that he only received one response to his Feb. 20 posting, i.e., Annan Hollinger's willingness to donate a raffle item.*
  - d. All – ideas/ actions to invite former teachers.  
*Bill shared Mr. Runkel's and Marc Bartlebaugh's active use of Facebook – which we could use to invite them. Rod has Donna Martin's address – which we could use to contact her. **Bill will touch base with Messrs. Runkel and Bartlebaugh about our reunion plans and Rod agreed to reach out to the alumni association and see what contact info they might have for faculty we would have known during our time at Mechanicsburg.***
- III. Decision for the 55<sup>th</sup>:  
*Revisiting the two earlier options, i.e., a gathering around Jubilee Day or a gathering around a football game/band performance, **the participants unanimously affirmed trying the fall gathering around a home football game on Oct. 9, 2026.** The following schedule emerged through conversation:*
  - *Friday, Oct. 9:*
    - *Meet at JoJos at 4 pm and pull some tables together.*
    - *Depart for the football game around 6:15 pm and sit in a reserved section for our class to see the band before the game at 7:00 pm.*  
**(Note: SuAnn will contact a person for this reserved spot and for our class to be recognized during the game.)**
  - *Saturday, Oct. 10:*
    - *8:00 am – Optional breakfast for those who want to gather (details to be determined)*

- 9:30 am – tour of the high school  
*(Note: SuAnn will contact a person for this tour.)*

IV. Provide fun incentives to register – due date?

**Participants affirmed two types of fun incentives to encourage attendance:**

- **A raffle for a \$100 gift card; and**
  - **A specially designed magnet for every person who registers.**
- a. *Bill will check on the availability of the current M-burg Wildcat design and have a contact draft of the magnet design. This may involve creating 250 magnets @ \$1/magnet – which we could use for our reunion and give the extras to the alumni association for future use; and*
- b. *Rod and Bill agreed to underwrite these costs since this gathering may be the last, best way to engage a larger number of our classmates.*

V. Communicating to our Class

- a. *Rod will ask Carl to send out a website teaser by March 21 to our classmates to “hold the date” for the Oct. 9-10 Reunion Activities. This can include the proposed activities but not the registration or incentives details yet.*
- b. *Rod will send our class reunion information to the alumni association by March 21 so it can be included in the alumni newsletter, Facebook page, and alumni calendar.*

VI. Next Meeting

**Participants agreed that the next meeting should happen in mid-April. Rod will send out a Zoom invite for the planning group’s next meeting – April 14 at 7 pm (EST)**