

WACS Class of 1979 Minutes of the July'08 Class Meeting

Held Saturday, July 12, 2008 at Forrest Park Pavilion

In attendance: Casey Best, Diane Waite Wotus, Mark Wilson, Nancy VeStrand Becker, Willie Torres, Beth Orlando Powers, Mary Bova Thompson, Jody Wilmarth Golem, Bonnie Hartley, Mark Hammond, Nancy Hammond, Jim Wotus, Todd Golem, Mikala Golem (took notes for us, thank you!).

Others also seen through-out the weekend! Nate Betts, Leah Betts, Lenae King Eck, Michael Eck, Fred Mott, Barry Meleen, Cathy Meleen, Bud Becker, Ron Powers, Dolly Cooley, Jamie Jaynes, Mary Kaus Jaynes.

Schedule for Alumni Weekend, July 2009: Tweaked our standard schedule, and approved it for next year (see 2009 schedule link on the web page).

Class Memorial Fund: We have five deceased class mates. No formal fund or process exists for flowers to be sent on behalf of our class when some one dies. Casey and Willie have done this on their own, on behalf of our class, when Cheryl Elder died. This was received very well. We would like to set up a fund for this. For now, Willie and Casey will continue to serve as our ambassadors. Though they didn't ask for it, we want to reimburse Willie and Casey.

Reminiscing: Much reminiscing was done about the good times over the past. We tried to remember all our reunions but could not complete the list:

- 1, 2, 3, and 4-year: Mark Wilson's
- 5-year Curt Nutbrown's
- 10-year Fire on Beach + ???
- 15-year Dinner at Fireside Manor
- 20-year Fish & Game club. Pig Roast
- 25-year Opps. Didn't do anything.
- 28-year Class meeting and fire on beach.
- 29-year First year of our "Standard Default Alumni Weekend Schedule"!

Honorary Membership: We continued with enthusiasm our Honorary Membership program. This is to formally welcome "friends of the Class of '79" into our ranks. *Honorary members are those to whom we feel connected, but they are not on WACS record as being with the Class of '79. They may include spouses, significant others, and anyone that had a significant stint with our class anytime between kindergarten and graduation.*

"Significant" is determined by a majority vote of those attending a Class Meeting. Honorary Members must be present to be sworn in.

Honorary members sworn in at the July '08 Meeting (actually, it was on the curb outside Larry's with a newly embellished ceremony: Jim Wotus (Diane Waite) and Ron Powers (Beth Orlando).

Members sworn in last year: Eric Edwards (Marie Post), Bud Becker (Nancy VeStrand), and Bobby Goldich (Pam Edwards).

2009 Alumni Weekend Planning: Got off to a great start; see notes! We also set up a status teleconference to be held the first Tuesday of every month (thanks, Diane!). Contact Mark to join in.