

BMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION
COMMITTEE MEETING - OCTOBER 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by our Reunion Chairman for 2011, Bob Downs '61.

The following were in attendance:

Al Owings '44 and Marge
Bob Downs '6
Chairman
Gary Moore '63
Larry Curti '56
Joseph Musial '61 & Julie (sister)
John Barnett '56 and Sue
Richard Parker '64 and Judy
Howard Nelson '55 and Margaret
Bob Ault '56

Those unable to attend the meeting but who noted they wish to serve on the Committee are as follows:

Ron Schloss '50 and Dottie
Roy Zukerman '50
Anton Felando '50
Arnie Kachok '49
Earl Welliver '53

The meeting was called to order by Bob Downs and a blessing on the food was given by Al Owings. Bob then called on Gary Moore for a report on the Memorabilia Tables.

Gary asked that the committee members try to locate as many alumni as possible missing from their class. It was recommended Gary contact the families of Kirmse & Glennie to see if they are interested in donating any memorabilia to BMA Alumni Assoc.

A discussion was initiated about a worthwhile charity to include in the 2011 reunion program. Suggestions included the Army Navy Military School in Carlsbad, the Wounded Warrior and possibly the charter school in Perris offering ROTC. It was also suggested we consider the

US Vets organization that we contributed to in 2009. Any suggestions should be submitted for consideration at the next committee meeting planned for February, 2011.

Richard Parker then gave us the Treasurer's report noting our balance is \$2,389.11. We received donations from Howard Nelson, Larry Curti & an anonymous contributor. Since the last report, \$481 was spent on a replacement supply of envelopes and letterhead, \$300 deposit on the Hyatt Regency in Palm Springs and received \$20 from the sale of a DVD. A motion was put before the committee to purchase \$400 in Forever stamps by Bob Downs; seconded by Richard Parker. Motion carried.

It was agreed that Richard Parker would send 50 envelopes & letterhead to Gary Moore for use in sending letters to former alumni encouraging their attendance at the next reunion. Gary has a membership to Intell to help locate former classmates.

Bob then asked Judy Parker for a report on the hotel in Palm Springs. Judy reported that the contract has been signed and deposited. We are very happy with the cooperation and concessions that the hotel has been willing to make to accommodate our reunion. We all agreed we can't remember the last time a reunion cost \$99 per night and hoped it would encourage greater attendance. The contract required easy to reach hotel night guarantees and low food & beverage commitments that will help alleviate the pressure of last minute sign-ups. The catering director has been in contact and we will have some menu options for review by the committee at the next meeting. They are also willing to work within a budget to meet our needs.

It was all agreed that the 50/50 drawing has been a big success the last two reunions and should continue going forward. Bob raised the question of having dancing with a OJ after the dinner. Most expressed the opinion that we had tried it before with little success. The cadets want to catch up on each other's lives and retell stories ad nauseum rather than dance! Therefore, it was decided to forego this part of the entertainment. There was much conversation about the seemingly unlimited options for people to enjoy while in Palm Springs. Judy advised

she planned to include maps and options available with the registration packages. There was a lot of interest in the group taking the tram to the top of the mountain and the Air Museum. Judy will check into group rates and report back at the next meeting.

The consensus was that having a brunch and dinner scheduled for Saturday worked the best and still gave people time to enjoy the sights on their own. Richard will contact Skip Brown or Mike Hinton to see about organizing the golf tournament. Judy advised we could work with the hotel to arrange as they volunteered to assist with the many, many golf courses in the area.

A discussion was initiated by Howard on the cost of the registration. It was \$30 for the last reunion. Bob made a motion for the 2011 Registration Fee to stay the same at \$30 per cadet. It was seconded by Richard Parker. Motion carried.

Bob advised the next meeting would take place in early February, 2011. The final details will be presented and voted on at that time. A newsletter with complete reunion details will be sent shortly thereafter, in addition to posting to the web site.

Recorded by Judy Parker