

2024 Schaefer Reunion Minutes & Action Plan

Date:	9.9.23
Time/Where:	The Abbey and Zoom
Attendees: Paul Bauer, Mark Voegtle, Mary Kay Carroll, Heidi Schmidt, Kathy Friederich, and Krista Call	

● Schaefer Family Reunion Survey Results

- We started the meeting off by discussing the results of the survey. We received 38% (we received 4 more surveys after our meeting) responses back which in my opinion was a good return percentage. What we learned from the survey:
 - What is the interest of attending the reunion on June 8, 2024
 - 88.6% say they are interested = 103 Adults and 27 children that are interested in coming
 - 10.5% say maybe = 8 Adult and 1 child
 - .1% said no = 1 person
 - Willing to spend
 - 71.1% are willing to spend \$30
 - 23.7% are willing to spend \$20
 - 2.6 % are willing to spend \$10
 - 2.6% want to spend \$0
 - Select the desired reunion duration
 - 65.8% - One afternoon
 - 31.6% - All day
 - 2.6% - One evening
 - Food suggestions (summarized)
 - Any picnic friendly food, catered Qdoba, deli meats, sandwiches, or nacho, taco bar/vegan, vegetarian, pork butt, burgers, hot dogs, brats, potluck
 - Game ideas (summarized)
 - Volleyball, Clothes Bag Game, Face painting, bounce house for kids, yard games, minute to win it games, corn hole, frisbee golf, washers, Euchre, pickleball, volleyball. Games for all ages, Old classics, Nothing mandatory, everyone being introduced, square dance with instructor. Anything that mixes people up so we get to meet as many relatives as possible. Icebreaker like we did at Trinity in Mascoutah (Judy Winter coordinated). Musical Chairs with clothes bag game, Family trivia with prizes (silly prizes) include a question or two about each ancestor (aunts & uncles & grandparents). Egg toss, horseshoes if available.

- Survey Comments

- We have a house with a pool and a big yard. A pool house and could maybe host.
- My mother was a Plogmann. This could be her last chance to get together with this side of the family as she is in assisted living with dementia and I would be bringing her in a wheelchair. I would really love to come and bring her!
- Thank you for putting this together
- The website looks good! Classic photos
- Will need to finalize our summer plans, but will try to make it. Will know more certainly if I can attend when the time draws near
- One of us might be able to help with activities or historian
- Possible knee replacement at that time.
- It is going to be a great time
- Thanks to the committee for all your work!!

- **Committee Comments:**

- Everyone that submitted a survey was sent the results.
- We also thought it would be a good idea to send out another email and registration form when the time gets closer.
- Family members willing to server on the committee: I sent out an email thanking them and letting them know when the next meeting date is.
 - Brian Buettner Hospitality Team
 - Sammy Roever and Chloe Weinstein Program Activity Team

- **Chair**

- Everyone liked the idea of an [Artifacts Display](#). We will continue to work on the details of the display.
- Everyone liked the [Games](#) that were suggested.
 - Ice breakers:
 - Two New Friends
 - Tennis Anyone?
 - Games:
 - The Clothes Bag Game
 - Cornhole Contest
 - Pinata
 - Activites:
 - Awards
 - Facepaint
 - Bounce House

- **Program Activity Team:**
 - Mary Kay will get together with her team to discuss what games will be played and the structure of the day.
 - Mary Kay will look into how to display the family tree.
 - We talked about making sure we have a sound system so everyone can hear.
 - We also want to Invite family members to share their musical talents at the reunion.
- **Hospitality Team:**
 - We talked about adding a nacho bar to the menu. Mark said we can use some of the pulled pork for the meat.
 - Mark is going to price out utensils and paper products. He suggested whatever items are leftover we store them in tubs for the next gathering.
- **Marketing Team:**
 - Heidi updated us on the souvenirs. The cost to make t-shirts and beer buckets will be around \$10-\$15 each. We will use the Schaefer logo as a design. There was also talk of a clear label for the beer buckets which might look nicer.
 - We also discussed using the souvenirs as giveaways instead of people ordering them. We need further discussion on this topic to prevent some family members being angry about not being able to obtain a souvenir.
 - Heidi also offered to reach out to the photographer that works at Art Classics to take family photos and a group picture. We will have to make sure the times are posted for the photo op.
- **Finance Team**
 - We are going to put off getting a Schaefer bank account because of the monthly service fee of around \$5.
 - Also one of the requirements is that the person opening the account needs to live in the surrounding area. Paul has a work around for that.

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Action Plan

Chair: Krista	Continue to work on the website - Send out emails to the people interested in serving on the committee - Review the timeline
Program Activity Team: Mary Kay Janelle	Mary Kay will possibly get together with her team to discuss what games will be played and the structure of the day - Mary Kay will look into how to display the family tree. - Janelle will continue to update the family contact document.
Marketing Team: Heidi Kathy	Continue to do research on the souvenirs and the best way to promote, sell or give away. - Come up with ideas on how to display the family artifact display - Continue to research how to decorate the park facilities.
Finance & Historian Teams: Paul Mary Kay Krista	Possibly look for a bank in the area that does not charge a service fee. Continue to add to the Schaefer family tree.
Hospitality Team: Mark Andrea	Continue to tweak the food menu and how people will sign up to bring food items to the reunion. - Mark will look into how to display the cornhole tournament rules.



NEXT MEETING Oct 14 @ 9 AM CT AT THE ABBEY/ZOOM