

U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Wed., March 29, 2023

Attending: Peter Darby (presiding), Kate Abbott, Elizabeth Ambrose, Jeffery Clark, Michael Esposito, Dave Lennox (representing Membership for Kelly Hitchcock), James Nuzzo, Shelley Thomas, Jerry Papazian (departed early).

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. EDT.

House Page Restoration Committee Update—Kate Abbott

- “Things are moving.”
- Meeting with people in the Speaker’s Office.
- Formulating 10 bullet points.
- Homecoming—offer training sessions.
 - Get Association members to meet with their district members and offer an elevator pitch.
 - Show the worksheet and how it applies.
 - Role-play to prepare for going back to their home districts and meeting Members.
- Contacted Senate school principal to gather information about cost effectiveness.
 - Senate principal is former House school Math chairman.
 - Katherine Wheedon (sp?) is former page school principal.
- Getting Senate appropriations information for program.
- Breakout sessions to go over with alumni to develop their story.
- **“Drive-by” visits at Homecoming will only hit lower-level staff and not desired “audience.”**
- Meet in home districts to prepare pitch—“Who’s the person in your D.C. office to approach?”
No HPRC meeting is scheduled before Homecoming.

Homecoming & Events—Peter Darby

Peter Darby presented a report and tentative schedule.

- Class of 1960 tribute.
- Email with activity plan, including tie-in to HPRC program.
- Pentagon tour?
- Design postcard for preregistration.
- Write sponsor letters.
- Champions for class dinners.
 - Gather dates.
 - Update website.
- Tombstone for Donn Anderson, design and fundraising (Jim Oliver might have insight).
- Tour leaders.
- Hospitality Suite check-in and sales volunteers.

- Wednesday night setup, Sunday morning breakdown volunteers.
- Saturday night setup in banquet room and pick-up afterward.
- Videographer and photographer—try to get eight to 12 people to record oral histories.
- Reach out to 30 volunteers who are on committees.

Merchandise update

T-shirts and polos—preorder in registration.

Bulk order of water bottles with nothing specific/linked to Homecoming.

Next Meeting – Wed., April 26, 2023.