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Second Reunion Planning Meeting Complete!

Last night we had our second meeting to review the current classmate outreach status and to figure out where we stand with reunion venue ideas. Although we've had pretty disappointing representation on the [Reunion Ideas survey](#), the numbers seem pretty clear, regarding people's preference for budget range. The majority of people who participated in the survey have voted to keep it in the **\$50-\$75** range. And leading the vote for how formal people want it to be, is the "**business casual**" option.

If you haven't voted via the [survey](#) yet, we will be closing that survey and you are just about out of time. Any and all ideas are welcome, but we're just about at the point where we need to complete that phase. So get it in this week!

Kristen Goyke has made a lot of progress with contacting venues to determine feasibility based on seating accommodations and pricing. The next thing that we'll do is announce a follow-up survey with solidified choices that you will get to pick from. And once that phase is complete, that's it... we'll be rolling with a single idea and focusing on organization of the event. Anybody who's planned a large scale event before knows that this year will pass quickly, so we want as much time as possible to do it right.

If it seems like we're dragging out this process a little bit, that's on purpose. We're really trying hard to not find ourselves in the position that so many other graduating classes are finding themselves in (having to cancel or greatly reduce their reunion). We're trying to learn from their experiences and include everybody that we can in the planning process. I truly believe that our class is unique in the way that we were all so close and the way we care for each other. It's for that reason, that I think we can defy the odds and have a successful event with full representation from the class.

Our most challenging stumbling block continues to be classmate engagement. We still have way too many people on [the "missing" list](#) and a lot of people who we believe we're in contact with, have been completely inactive. Anything that you can do to assist with that effort (let us know you're alive, put us in contact with people, etc.) would be very much appreciated. In fact, for every person that you put us in contact with, you'll earn a point of extra credit. After 5 points, you earn a study hall period. After 10 points, we'll let you read the morning announcements. And at 15 points, we'll increment your lowest grade on your permanent records.

Thanks for your help thus far! Onward we march...

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