

MINUTES

47th Annual Simon Family Reunion August 9th, 2025

Kiwanis Park, Shaler Township, PA

After a brief delay, the meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by **President Cherie Houlihan**.

An announcement was made that **Secretary Adam Vybiral**, who was not present, had resigned from his role as secretary, and a volunteer was sought to fill in. **Amanda Jennings** volunteered, and the offer was accepted. The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation was held.

Minutes - Acting Secretary Amanda Jennings read

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were read, and there were no corrections. A motion to accept the minutes was made.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Vybiral

A balance of \$2,600 was reported, as well as a CD that earned \$84 in interest. Mike asked that any bills related to the reunion be turned in. **Patty Lemro** made a motion to accept the report seconded by **Mary Lou Scheer**.

Old Business

President Cherie Houlihan asked for any old business.

Dan Vybiral read a letter which brought up a previous topic of allowing families to change their shirt colors in order to better identify expanding families. Discussion ensued and it was clarified that if families want to continue wearing green, that's fine, but that it would be a nice option to see new colors, and not just a sea of green. **Laura Cilli** made a motion was made to allow heads of families to choose a new shirt color beginning in 2026. **Jeff Vybiral** seconded the motion. A vote was held: 22 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion carried.

Heads of families then began a discussion regarding what new colors they would wear. A preliminary list was established:

Ken Vybiral – Black & Gold
Anita Ostrowski – Rose
Phylis Vybiral – Purple
Tom Vybiral – Green
Patty Lemro – Camo
Mary Lou Scheer – Rastafarian
Judy Vybiral - Green
Dan Vybiral – Green
Matt Vybiral Sr. – Undecided

It was reiterated that this option is **totally voluntary**, and no one is required to change shirt colors; second generation families should also not “take over” colors that are used by a first-generation family. In other words, Amy or Amanda cannot choose black-and-white because that is Tom and Ruth’s.

There being no further Old Business, a motion was made to accept by **Tom Vybiral**, seconded by **Dan Vybiral**.

Historian’s Report

Anita Ostrowski delivered the Historian’s Report, which covered **August 2024 -August 2025** (see attached). A correction was noted that **Dorothy Ehrenfeld** turned 80 last year. **Dan Vybiral** recognized **Rusty Ehrenfeld** as the oldest attendee at 84 years old, and the youngest attendee was **Everest Ristau** at 22 months old. A motion to accept the Historian’s Report, with corrections, was made by **Laura Cilli** and seconded by **Leighann Vybiral**.

New Business

President **Cherie Houlihan** announced that this is an election year and called for nominations. **Laura Cilli** nominated **Amy Robinson** for Vice President who declined the nomination. **Matt Vybiral Sr.** nominated **Matt Vybiral Jr.** who accepted. There being no other nomination, **Matt Vybiral Jr.** was approved as Vice President. **Vice President Michelle Klemm** will begin her term as President in 2026. **Matt Vybiral Sr.** nominated **Amanda Jennings** for the role of Secretary, who accepted. **Ken Vybiral** thanked everyone for accepting their new roles.

The next order of business was the location for the 48th Annual Simon Family Reunion. The location for 2026 will be in Erie, PA. A volunteer is needed to find a location. **Michael Vybiral** confirmed that it will still be the 2nd Saturday in August.

Tom Vybiral announced that **Aunt Ruth Simon**, Uncle Tom Simon’s wife, had a bad accident in a parking lot earlier this year and she was still in a rehab facility. He thought it would be nice if we could all sign a card to send to her to boost her spirits and he would provide her address if anyone was interested. **Cherie Houlihan** agreed and said we would get a card together for everyone to sign.

Anita Ostrowski brought up that as the years go on, it is getting more difficult to go back and forth to Erie every other year and asked about the possibility of going to Erie every 3 years instead of every other. **Matt Vybiral Sr.** pointed out that under the current rotation, the 50th anniversary would be in Erie. **Amy Robinson** said that we should give everyone time to think about it before deciding so we can get input from everyone at next year’s reunion. **Erin Vybiral** said that next year might be a bigger turnout and we may get more opinions. **Jeff Vybiral** said we should make sure that the 50th anniversary is held in Pittsburgh, however, as we look towards the future and everyone is getting older, we should discuss this further to make sure everyone can

attend. **Matt Vybiral Sr.** suggested that we look at Grove City Park as it is close to a halfway point between both Erie and Pittsburgh. It is reminiscent of North Park and has plenty of space for everyone. **Matt Vybiral Sr.** made a motion to have the 48th reunion in Grove City instead of Erie to see how we like it. **Dorothy Ehrenfeld** seconded the motion. **Matt Vybiral Sr.** said that he would scout the location. A vote was held – the ayes have it.

President Cherie Houlihan asked for volunteers for games. **Amy Robinson** volunteered to organize the kids' games. **Leighann Vybiral** volunteered to organize the adult games.

President Cherie Houlihan then asked for any other business.

Judy Torbin said that she is not sure when the Great Location Debate started but that for years it was always at Hastings. We need to find a set location to replace this back and forth. **Amy Robinson** said that we may like Grove City and it may become our new spot.

Treasurer Mike Vybiral reminded everyone to see him after the meeting to pay their dues, and to notify **Amanda Jennings** of any address changes.

Amy Robinson gave a brief explanation of the kids' games set up.

Erin Vybiral asked that we take a group photo this year. *Note: The photo was taken after the meeting.*

There being no further business, **President Cherie Houlihan** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the 47th annual Simon Family Reunion. **Leighann Vybiral** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Susie Majetic**. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Jennings
Simon Reunion Family Secretary

Post Meeting Results:

The winners of the \$300 raffle were:

Ken Vybiral Jr
Zach Vybiral
Mike Vybiral