

Mallory Connections

Meeting Minutes Summary — September 12, 2026

Meeting Overview

Field	Details
Date	09/12/2026, 10:30 AM – 11:52 AM EDT
Location	Zoom
Attendees	Wayne, Melanie, Marni, Judy, Myela, Rochelle, Kris
Purpose	Lessons learned from Summer 2026 reunion; family check-ins; retrospective feedback

Scheduling Decisions

Call Type	Frequency	Time	Notes
Family Check-In	Monthly, 2nd Saturday	9:30–10:00 AM	Considering shift to bi-monthly
Event Planning	Quarterly, 2nd Saturday	9:30–10:00 AM	Recorded & posted to website/Facebook/YouTube

Check-In Dates (2026–2027): Nov 14, Dec 12, 2026 · Feb 13, Mar 13, May 8, Jun 12, Aug 14, Sep 11, Nov 13, Dec 11, 2027

Planning Call Dates (2026–2027): Oct 10, 2026 · Jan 9, Apr 10, Jul 10, Oct 9, 2027

Retrospective: What Went Well / What Could Improve / Next Steps

What Went Well	What Could Be Better	What We'll Do Differently
Logistics for indoor dinner + outdoor picnic	Plan around hotel/indoor venue as primary anchor	Set venue goals 1 year in advance
Hotel indoor event: good food, warm/intimate setting, climate control	Consider food truck vendor for outdoor picnic	Book early for competitive catering pricing
—	Explore Patapsco State Park or Flying Point Park for next outdoor event	Research catering incl. food trucks; create "must-have" amenities checklist
Index card concept for family-name association was a good idea	Concept wasn't actually executed	Print a program with scheduled event times to keep things on track
Great reconnecting/conversations	—	Continue reconnecting focus
Photo "Puzzle" fundraiser was a success, funded much of the picnic	—	Plan more fundraising ideas to offset costs

Photos great for absent family members	Need more organized photographer resources	Add photographer as a standing resource requirement
Donations received & appreciated	—	Tie future donations to a new 501(c)(3)
—	—	Consider a 2028 or 2029 (off-year) family cruise — gauge interest

Action Items

Action	Owner
Email out the scheduled call dates	Wayne
Discuss steps to set up the 501(c)(3) nonprofit	Wayne / Melanie