



**Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
September 12, 2023
MINUTES**

President Tom Gavin and Chairman Bill Kushner Called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 PM

Tom Gavin noted that this was one of the best attended BOD Meetings with only three Board Members that did not either attend or send their apologies. Everyone must attend and participate in these meetings.

Rick Zarr, John Wilson, Craig Larsen, John Mikenis, David Milton, John Knoebel, Derek Lott, Dennis Heitzmann, Mike Dreznes, Eric Rouse, Gene Rouse, Kelvin Lovely, David Ireland, John Fanning, Pat Regan, Billy Hilbring, Tom Gavin, Andy Youpel, Mike Foley, Rich Williams, and Bill Kushner were present.

Bob Fioretti, Ron Dubin, and John Franklin notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

Ron Smith, (4th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation) Nolan Lane, (3rd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation) and Curtis Rempson were Missing With No Explanation.

Bill Johnson attended the Meeting as the Golf Committee Chairman.

Opening Prayer

Mike Dreznes announced that Mike Anthony ('68) who joined the Board of Directors in August, 2023 had passed away. He asked the Board to show their respect to Mike with a Moment of Silence. UDATE: Mike's Services will be October 6, 2023 at Old St Pat's Church from 9AM to 11 AM.

Andy Youpel then opened the meeting with a prayer asking for inspiration to allow us to have a productive meeting and to allow us to make good decisions.

Minutes from August 8, 2023 BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the August 8, 2023 Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Andy Youpel made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. David Ireland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Pat Regan

Pat Regan presented the Financial Report as of September 10, 2023.

	#	Merchandise			Retelction &		Events Total	Corporate	Donations	Scholarships	Cash Basis Total	Running Cash Projection
		All Class Reunion	Golf Outing	Xmas Party	HOF	Veterans Day						
Beginning Cash Balances 12/31/2022	20,334.12	8,296.29	599.03	-	1,925.45	31,984.95	(2,468.90)	(7,000.00)	-	-	22,415.94	22,415.94
2023 Activity												
Revenues 2023:												
Paid		19,056.00	3,215.00	2,395.00	205.00	24,871.00	-	-	2,335.00	27,206.00	27,206.00	27,206.00
Unpaid		19,056.00	3,215.00	2,395.00	205.00	24,871.00	-	-	2,335.00	27,206.00	27,206.00	27,206.00
Total												
Expenses 2023:												
Paid		10,147.99	2,180.12	4,184.02	-	16,512.13	2,858.54	3,789.54	5,000.00	28,160.21	28,160.21	28,160.21
Paid-Deposit for 2024		1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	(1,468.26)	-	33.98	(622.17)	(622.17)	(622.17)
Unpaid Hickory Hills		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unpaid Other		250.00	-	-	-	250.00	307.48	-	-	-	557.48	557.48
Total		11,397.99	2,180.12	4,184.02	-	17,762.13	1,610.75	3,789.54	5,033.98	27,538.04	28,095.50	28,095.50
Net Cash Results for 2023		7,658.01	1,034.88	(1,789.02)	205.00	7,108.87	(1,510.75)	(3,789.54)	(2,698.08)	(332.04)	(889.50)	(889.50)
Net Cash Results 2021-2023		20,334.12	16,654.30	1,633.91	(1,789.02)	2,160.45	38,993.76	(3,979.70)	(10,789.54)	(2,698.08)	22,083.90	21,526.44
Chase Bank Balance 9/10/2023 22,383.90												
In Process Merchandise												
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In Process Refunds in process												
In Process Golf Register												
In Process Donations												
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22,133.90 50.00												
In 2022 Spending for 2023 Golf Outing:												
Rich Williams Fund for Golf Prizes 500.00												
Deposit for Hickory Hills 1,000.00												
Corporate Cost:												
Mendel PC & Software 2023 2022												
D&O Insurance 1,691.00 1,615.00												
Web Fees 1,125.00 1,595.00												
IRS Filing Fees 350.00 600.00												
Mendel Picnic Donation 500.00 Recorded as Donation												
Other Items in 2022												
Foley Award 240.00												
Augustinian Ad Book 400.00												
Gift Cards for Reunion Support 780.00												
Other 28.00												
3,168.00 5,258.00												
HOF 2022 Budget Carryover (2,710.00)												
Augustinian Event April 2023 1,750.00 2023 Includes 4 people at \$350/ea. Plus \$100 Plaque and \$250 Gift												

Our merchandise inventory is running low on T-shirts as we have no quantities of mediums, larges and 2XL, 3XL and 4XL. We have fourteen hats. Pat suggested we place the following order for more T-shirts for the upcoming R.O.M.E.O. Event planned for 10/18/2023.

Tee Shirt Activity, Inventory and Reorder									
	5/29/2023					Sold	Sold	Proposed Reorder	
Size	Purchase Qty	Price		8/28/2023 Inventory	Donated Qty	Donated %		Sep-23 Qty	Sep-23 \$
Medium	3	4.75	14.25	0	3	100%		10	47.50
Large	30	4.75	142.50	1	29	97%		30	142.50
XL	48	4.75	228.00	17	31	65%		14	66.50
2XL	30	6.75	202.50	7	23	77%		16	108.00
3XL	6	8.25	49.50	0	6	100%		10	82.50
4XL	3	8.25	24.75	0	3	100%		5	41.25
	120		661.5	25	95	79%		85	488.25

Andy Youpel made a motion to have Pat Regan order the shirts he presented to the Board. Bill Kushner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Kushner made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Andy Youpel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: Pat Regan to place the order for the shirts by September 15, 2023. UPDATE: Pat Regan ordered the shirts on September 14, 2023.

Committee Reports

Mike Dreznes was disappointed because none of the Committee Chairmen submitted a list of Members on their Committees so the information can be published on the Mendel website. Mike asked the Committee Chairmen to send him a list of the members of their Committees ASAP.

ACTION ITEMS: Each Committee Chairman to send Mike Dreznes a list of Members of his Committee by October 1, 2023.

Chairman’s Report-Golf Committee-Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson (‘68) was introduced as the new Chairman of the Golf Committee. Bill is excited to serve as Chairman, and he expressed his desire to make the Golf Outing the best possible Golf Outing. He has lots of innovative ideas, and he looks forward to using them at the upcoming Golf Outing at Hickory Hills on July 10, 2024. He asked for every Board Member’s support to optimize the Golf Outing on Wednesday July 10, 2024.

Bill is looking for more Members on the Golf Committee. He also wants Alumni to ask for donations at their favorite restaurants, bars retail stores, etc. Kelvin Lovely agreed that we need more people active on the Golf Committee. He has a couple of people in mind, and he will discuss them with Bill Johnson.

The cost at Hickory Hills will Be \$110 For Dinner & Golf in 2024. In 2023 The cost was \$100. Pat Regan explained that we made the \$1,000 deposit to Hickory Hills Golf Course for the 2024 Golf Outing.

David Ireland noted that his guests were extremely impressed with the gift items at the last Golf Outing.

Mike Dreznes agreed to send Bill Johnson's contact details to all Board Members.

ACTION ITEMS: Mike Dreznes to send Bill Johnson's contact details to all Board Members. UPDATE: Mike Dreznes sent Bill Johnson's contact details to all Board Members on September 13, 2023.

Chairman's Report- Hall of Fame Committee-Tom Gavin

The Hall of Fame Committee remains problematic. Unlike the other Committees, the HOF Committee conducts its business independent of the Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors. No one understood why this is true and all agreed that the HOF Committee should act similar to the other Alumni Association Committees.

Although the Board of Directors were asked to submit nominees to serve as Committee Chairman, no one has stepped up to serve as Committee Chairman since Ben McCall stepped down.

Tom Gavin continues to work with John Farris on Hall of Fame Committee issues. John Farris acts as the Secretary of the HOF Committee. However, all agreed that this Committee needs a leader. Tom Gavin said that the Committee currently has four Members: John Farris, Jack Gavin, Jim Riordan, and Ron Chambers.

Dennis Heitzmann asked why the Alumni Association Articles of Association Section 5 H-2 does not allow Board Members to participate in the selection of Hall of Fame Members or Hall of Fame Committee Members or Officers. Jack Gavin had to leave the Alumni Board so he could serve on the HOF Committee.

2) The Hall of Fame Committee shall be an independent committee charged with honoring outstanding Monarchs using criteria the Hall of Fame Committee shall set. The Hall of Fame Committee shall nominate and name its members, including the Chair using the criteria the Committee sets. To assure their independence the Board of Directors and its officers and board members shall not participate in selection of Hall of Fame members or Hall of Fame Committee members or officers.

No one could explain why this clause was included in the Articles of Association. David Ireland and Dennis Heitzmann suggested that this topic be discussed at the next BOD meeting and a motion be made to modify the wording in Section 5 H-2.

ACTION ITEMS: BOD Members to suggest improved wording for Section 5 H-2 Mike Dreznes to send Bill Johnson's contact details to all Board Members. UPDATE: After discussions with a few BOD Members, Mike Dreznes Mike Dreznes suggests that it be modified to read something like:

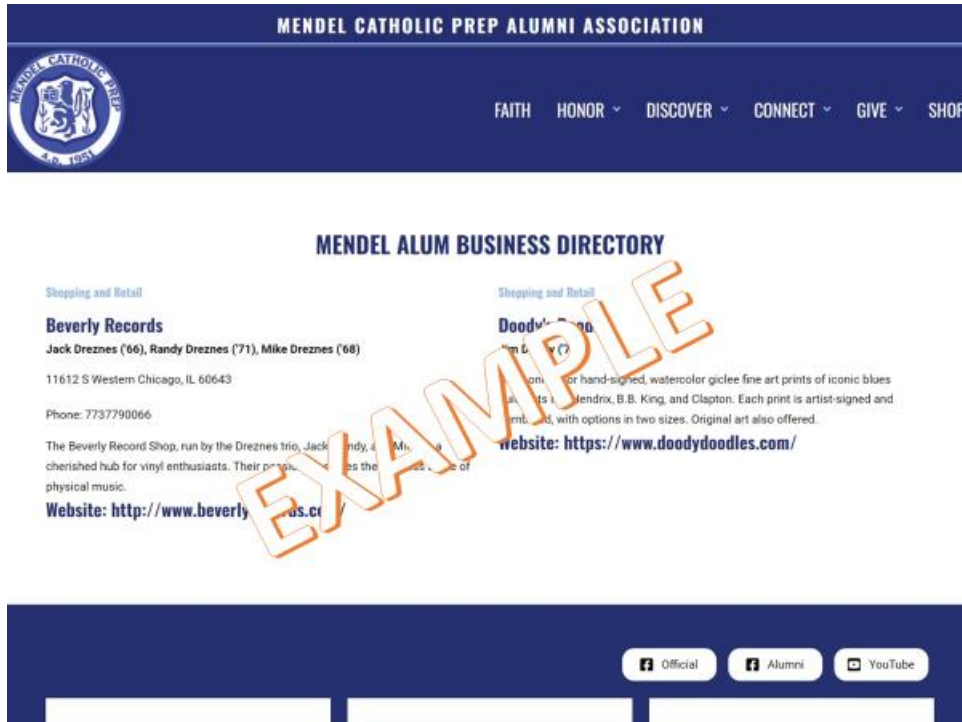
2) The Hall of Fame Committee shall be an independent committee charged with honoring outstanding Monarchs using criteria the Hall of Fame Committee shall set. The HOF Committee shall nominate, endorse, and select new members to the Mendel Hall of Fame, subject to approval by the Board.

Chairman's Report- Website Committee- Rick Zarr

Rick Zarr reported that the Policy Statement has been added to the Mendelchs.org website.

SHOP MONARCHS DIRECTORY

The SHOP MONARCHS DIRECTORY has been added to the Website.



An announcement will be sent to Alumni encouraging them to include their businesses in the “SHOP MONARCHS DIRECTORY”. The “SHOP MONARCH DIRECTORY” concept would generate more Monarch-to-Monarch discussions and help to grow Alumni businesses.

There would be no charge to be listed, and the following language would be used to protect the Alumni Association.

Companies, Services or Retail Stores shown on the “SHOP MONARCHS DIRECTORY” website are either owned by or employ a Mendel High School Alumnus. The contact shown for these organizations is the Mendel High School Alumnus.

The information, content and materials provided on the “SHOP MONARCHS DIRECTORY” website are for general informational purposes only. Information on this website may not constitute the most up to date details.

The website includes links to third-party websites. Such links are for the convenience of the reader, user, or browser. The Mendel Alumni Association does not endorse, nor recommend the contents of these third-party sites.

Alumni would be encouraged to donate to the Mendel Legacy Scholarship Program for the listing, but this would not be a requirement.

ACTION ITEMS: An Announcement introducing the SHOP MONARCHS DIRECTORY concept will be sent to all Alumni by October 1, 2023.

Rick Zarr once again encouraged all Board Members to contact Alumni friends and family members to get Mendel publications that can be scanned onto the Mendelchs.org website.

Chairman's Report-Membership Committee-Ron Dubin

Ron Dubin was unable to attend the meeting. Mike Dreznes again emphasized again how critical it is to locate Email addresses for Alumni since much of the correspondence and promotional materials for Alumni Events are sent through email.

Mike Dreznes explained the sad feeling when a woman responds to a phone message that he left by telling him that her husband passed away. One woman yelled at Mike and asked him why he did not call while her husband was alive because her husband loved Mendel but did not know about the Alumni Association. Mike said calls like that give him the incentive to make more calls.

Rich Williams continues to do an amazing job updating the Mendel Alumni Database for the classes from 1955 to 1964. Since June 20, 2023, Rich Williams has helped to find 354 more Deceased Monarchs and 142 more Email addresses for Alumni. Rich encouraged all Board Members to get actively involved to find more email addresses since email is the Alumni Association's typical mode of communication.

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/20/2023					
CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%
1955	293	74	219	31	14.28%
1956	274	88	191	28	14.66%
1957	250	51	199	27	13.57%
1958	325	48	276	54	19.57%
1959	377	52	325	71	21.85%
1960	413	67	346	53	15.32%
1961	366	55	311	59	18.07%
1962	318	121	197	140	71.07%
1963	376	57	319	60	18.89%
1964	440	45	395	80	20.25%
1965	488	62	426	55	12.91%
1966	487	59	428	83	19.30%
1967	389	32	357	70	19.61%
1968	354	70	284	192	67.83%
1969	362	39	323	79	24.46%
1970	294	18	276	63	22.83%
1971	327	30	297	98	33.00%
1972	264	25	239	72	30.33%
1973	258	23	235	110	46.82%
1974	229	16	213	32	15.02%
1975	168	12	156	45	28.85%
1976	140	5	135	23	17.00%
1977	75	5	70	20	28.57%
1978	136	9	127	36	28.35%
1979	176	13	163	33	20.25%
1980	111	7	104	17	16.25%
1981	116	7	109	21	19.27%
1982	96	3	93	21	22.58%
1983	120	4	116	12	10.34%
1984	141	2	139	24	17.27%
1985	135	5	130	22	16.02%
1986	128	4	124	21	16.98%
1987	137	4	133	30	22.56%
1988	99	2	97	16	16.40%
1989 MDP	111	3	108	2	1.85%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	1	1.14%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%
UNK CLASS	61	1	60	13	21.67%
ALUMNI	9012	1115	7897	1814	22.97%
TEACHER	23	8	15	6	40.00%
TOTAL	9035	1123	7912	1820	23.00%

SINCE START OF CAMPAIGN

- 354
- More
- Deaths

- 142
- More
- EMails

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 9/11/2023					
CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL	%
1955	290	123	167	38	22.75%
1956	275	121	154	43	27.92%
1957	250	76	174	33	18.97%
1958	325	73	252	69	27.38%
1959	377	90	287	84	29.27%
1960	410	146	264	64	24.24%
1961	365	74	291	61	20.96%
1962	319	124	195	140	71.79%
1963	373	90	283	62	21.91%
1964	438	51	387	89	23.00%
1965	478	68	410	56	13.66%
1966	487	62	425	90	21.18%
1967	387	38	349	75	21.49%
1968	354	74	280	197	70.36%
1969	362	40	322	83	25.78%
1970	294	19	275	69	25.09%
1971	327	31	296	105	35.47%
1972	262	25	237	73	30.80%
1973	258	30	228	113	49.56%
1974	227	16	211	38	18.01%
1975	168	12	156	46	29.49%
1976	140	5	135	24	17.78%
1977	75	6	69	20	28.99%
1978	136	8	128	36	28.13%
1979	176	12	164	34	20.73%
1980	111	7	104	17	16.35%
1981	115	8	107	21	19.63%
1982	96	3	93	21	22.58%
1983	120	4	116	13	11.21%
1984	142	2	140	28	20.00%
1985	134	6	128	24	18.75%
1986	128	4	124	22	17.74%
1987	138	4	134	34	25.37%
1988	99	6	93	16	17.20%
1989 MDP	112	4	108	2	1.85%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	2	2.27%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%
UNK CLASS	60	1	59	13	22.03%
ALUMNI	8986	1464	7522	1955	25.99%
TEACHER	37	13	24	7	29.17%
TOTAL	9023	1477	7546	1962	26.00%

Mike Dreznes again asked each Board of Director every Board Member to review the database roster to see if they are aware of any deaths, change of contact details or email addresses of classmates, relatives, or friends. Mike Dreznes will send all Board of Directors the current database for Alumni. This database is not for public disclosure.

ACTION ITEMS: Mike Dreznes to send Board of Director Members the All-Class database by September 15, 2023. All BOD Members are to review the Alumni Roster Database and try to fill in as much missing

information as possible. **UPDATE: Mike Dreznes sent the updated Alumni Directory to all Board Directors.**

Chairman's Report-Veterans Committee-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel reported that the November 11, 2023 Veterans Day Mass would be at either St. Cajetan's, St. Rita, St. Michaels, or St. Jude. The Event will be on a smaller scale than 2022. He will collaborate with his Committee and make an update at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

Andy asked all Board Members to consider helping with this Veterans Day Mass Event.

ACTION ITEMS: Andy Youpel to reconvene the Veterans Committee to develop a proposal for the 2024 Veterans Day Mass. This proposal will be presented to the Board of Directors at the next Board Meeting.

UPDATE: Since November 11, 2023 is a Saturday, the parish churches have scheduled evening masses that day. In addition, they could be required to have a Funeral Mass on Saturday According to Andy Youpel, the preferred option now is St. Rita, and he will collaborate with Tom McCarthy to develop a program for the mass.

Chairman's Report-Scholarship Committee-Ron Smith

Ron Smith resigned from the Board of Directors the day before the meeting. Efforts are underway to find a new Chairman.

Mike Dreznes reported that the Scholarship Committee is trying to raise funds to pay for future Scholarships. He proposed a large Raffle that would be initiated immediately with the winner announced at the May 3, 2024 All-Class Reunion. Eric Rouse and Dennis Heitzmann suggested we use true Split The Pot Raffles rather than have designated prized.

Pat Regan emphasized that the Split the Pot raffle must be conducted at a specific event like a Golf Outing or a Class Reunion. Donations could only be accepted from Mendel Alumni.

The Board agreed that a Split the Pot Raffle with \$10 or \$20 tickets would be the preferred route and that these raffles be conducted whenever possible since they are great fundraisers.

Craig Larsen suggested selling bricks or tiles in Mendel Hall to raise funds for the Scholarship Program.

UPDATE: Eric Rouse has agreed to serve as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Eric Rouse, Craig Larson, Dennis Heitzmann, Pat Regan, Andy Youpel, Tom Gavin, Ron Smith, Kelvin Lovely, Bill Kushner, Bob Fioretti, Danny Randall, and Mike Dreznes. Board Members were encouraged to notify Eric Rouse if they wanted to be on the Scholarship Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Mendel Hall of Science Rededication Plans

Andy Youpel and Pat Regan are working close with St. Rita to find a permanent home for the Mendel Trophies and to pay respect to Gregor Mendel within the halls of St. Rita.

The hall that was called "Mendel Hall" will be renamed "The Mendel Hall of Science-Dedicated to the Mendel Catholic Prep Alumni Association," or words to that effect. The dedication ceremony would be scheduled for January 10, 2024 to honor Gregor Mendel's 200th Birthday. All of the St. Rita students, as well as Mendel Alumni will be invited to the dedication ceremony.

The plan is to include two trophy cases, the portrait of Gregor Mendel, a photo showing the fifteen Monarchs killed in Vietnam, a couple of posters telling the history of Mendel Catholic High School in a

twelve-foot by four-foot area that will be covered by a canopy. In a separate area, further down the Hall to the North, a mural describing Gregor Mendel's life will be laminated on the wall.

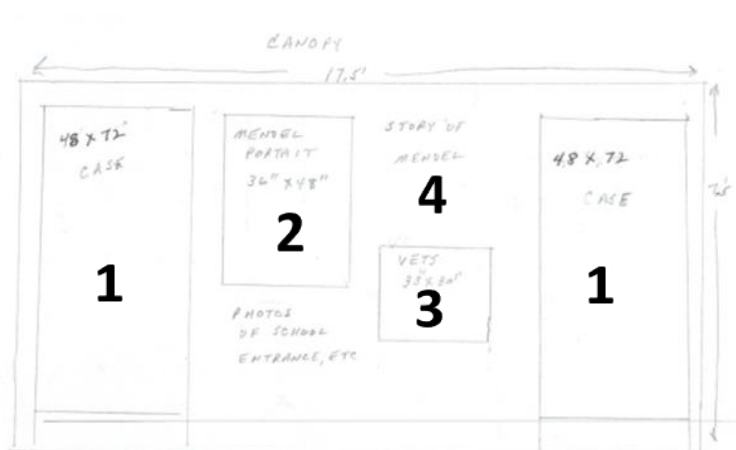
The biggest cost will be the trophy cases. St. Rita has offered to pay for one new trophy case if Mendel pays for one new trophy case. St Rita has some old trophy cases, but the cost to refurbish these cases to make them look good, and to put the required plexiglass on the cases makes them expensive compared to the two for one offer for the new cases since St. Rita will not pay for one of the refurbished cases.

TWO CASES WILL BE NEEDED

Showcases	Shelves	Unit \$	Tax	Delivery	Total	
48" W x 72" H x 20" D Solid Wood Back	14" D	699.99	-	153.13	853.12	St. Rita orders/pays No sales tax Mendel Alumni pays for 1 unit
Interior Height approx. = 65"	46" W					
Weight- 5 cartons /325 lbs						
Lighting add on		59.99	-	59.99		
Lock		4.99		4.99		
Assembly Required		759.98		918.10		



The area for the Mendel Trophy cases will be as shown in the sketch below with "1" being a trophy case, "2" being the portrait of Gregor Mendel, "3" being the photo of the Monarchs killed in Vietnam, and "4" being the History of Mendel High School. David Ireland suggested a photo of Mendel High School be included.



NOT TO SCALE **MENDEL HALL OF SCIENCE**
DEDICATED TO THE MENDEL HIGH
SCHOOL ALUMNI
OCTOBER XX, 2023

The following trophies will be on display in the trophy cases: 1957 City Football Championship, 1957 Sun Times Football Championship, 1959 Basketball Championship, 1968 City Football Championship, 1968 Catholic League Championship, 1969 Football Championship South Section, and 1982 Illinois State Basketball Runner Up.

David Ireland asked if other trophies could be included, especially wrestling and track trophies. Pat Regan said all of the space in the cases would be filled with the seven trophies. However, he said it would be possible to rotate the trophies. Pat Regan asked for help locating wrestling and track trophies. It could also be possible to recreate some of these trophies.

Pat Regan showed the following summary regarding the cost for the Mendel Hall of Science:

Mendel Science Hall

<u>Items and Description</u>		
1	New showcases for Trophies split 50/50 with St. Rita	925.00 Quoted price, delivery by 10/2023
2	Hallway wall mural of Gregor Mendel legacy and history	900.00 Quoted price, with installation
3	New Mendel Science Hall Signage over doorway entrance As dedicated by Mendel Alumni Association	300.00
4	Reinstall existing entrance signage to inside of doorway	250.00
5	New protective covering for Gregor Mendel portrait	150.00
6	Misc. painting electrical, wall mounting costs, etc.	100.00
Total Projected Costs		2,625.00



St. Rita could purchase the cases to take advantage of their tax exempt status. John Mikenis made a motion to approve expenditures up to \$2,625 for Mendel Hall of Science. Gene Rouse seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Pat Regan suggested that a fundraiser could be conducted to offset the costs of the Rededication, and possibly add funds to the Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Program.

Andy Youpel proposed that the Mendel Alumni Association sponsor two \$500 STEM Awards that would be granted in the form of a credit toward their senior year tuition at St. Rita high School. The winning students will demonstrate a proficiency in Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Math.

Eastside and Northwest Indiana “R.O.M.E.O.” Update

Andy Youpel reported that the next R.O.M.E.O. Event would be at JJ Kelley’s Restaurant and Pub located at 2455 Bernice Road in Lansing, Illinois from 11AM to 1 PM. Terry Lynch ('66) will be hosting this Event.

The cost to attend this Event will be \$25, and it will include a buffet lunch. A percentage of this revenue will be given to the Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Mike Dreznes and Rich Williams have accelerated their efforts to locate Alumni in Lansing, IL as well as the towns close to Lansing, including Munster, IN, Chicago Heights, IL, Calumet City, IL, Homewood, IL, South Holland, IL, and Dyer, IN. All Board Members were encouraged to attend this R.O.M.E.O. Event.

2024 All-Class Reunion Discussion

Mike Dreznes announced that the next All-Class Reunion will be held at Gaelic Park on May 3, 2024. The Classes of 1973 and 1974 will be honored for their 50th Anniversaries.



*Mendel High School
15510 Bayberry Lane
Wheaton, IL 60189*

Invoice

Event held on Friday, May 3, 2024
Room: Emerald Room
Event: Class Reunion

400	Plated Chicken Vesuvio @ \$28.95	\$11,580.00
	Tossed Salad	
	Oven Browned Potato	
	Green Beans	
	Chocolate Sundae	
	Pasta Primavera	
400	2 hours of open bar then cash bar 6:30-7:30 & 8:30-9:30 open bar @ \$16.00	\$6,400.00
	Subtotal	\$17,980.00
	Taxes	\$1,798.00
	Total	\$19,778.00
	Paid	\$0.00
	Balance	\$19,778.00

Please make checks payable to Chicago Gaelic Park.
We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to your return business.

Mike Dreznes asked for volunteers to serve on an All-Class Reunion Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Rita To Honor Mendel by Wearing Mendel Jerseys at a Home Basketball Game

New St. Rita Coach, Ross Burr offered to Andy Youpel and Pat Regan to have his St. Rita team wear Mendel Catholic jerseys at a basketball game this year. The Mendel Basketball teams could be honored at halftime and the Mendel Coaches (Mike Flaherty and Mike Mandarino) could sit on the bench during the game.

Mendel would purchase jerseys at a cost of about \$30 each. These jerseys could be used again next year.

Coach Burr needs to confirm with St. Rita and the Catholic League that he could do this. This could be a tremendous night for Mendel Alumni. It could include a reception before the game, a 50/50 Raffle and a wonderful photo opportunity.

Andy Youpel will follow up with Coach Burr and do what needs to be done to make this concept a reality.

2023 All-Class Picnic on June 24, 2023

David Ireland asked for a recap of the 2023 All-Class picnic. Pat Regan congratulated Derek Lot and his Picnic Committee on an excellent Picnic. It was a wonderful event. Gene Rouse seconded Pat's opinion. Derek Lott said that the goal is to get even more Alumni to attend the All-Class Picnic in 2024.

NEXT MEETING

The next BOD ZOOM meeting will be held on Thursday October 19, 2023 at 7 PM Chicago time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

