



Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

October 18, 2023

MINUTES

President Tom Gavin and Chairman Bill Kushner Called the Meeting to Order at 7:27 PM

Craig Larsen, John Mikenis, David Milton, Derek Lott, Mike Dreznes, Kelvin Lovely, David Ireland, John Franklin, Pat Regan, Tom Gavin, Andy Youpel, Bill Duffy, and Bill Kushner were present.

John Wilson, Rick Zarr, Bob Fioretti, Dennis Heitzmann, Gene Rouse, and John Knoebel notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

Nolan Lane, (4th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), Curtis Rempson, (2nd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), Billy Hilbring, Eric Rouse, John Fanning, Ron Dubin, and Mike Foley, were Missing With No Explanation.

Opening Prayer

Andy Youpel 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 September 12, 2023 BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the September 12, 2023 Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Kelvin Lovely made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bill Kushner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Plans to Fill Board Positions for Ron Smith, Mike Anthony, and Rich Williams

Bill Duffy ('64) was introduced to the Board as a possible new Board Member. Bill explained his passion for Mendel and his desire to make the Board more effective and efficient.

Mike Dreznes made the motion to accept Bill Duffy as a Board of Director Member with a term from 8/1/22-7/31/25. Pat Regan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and Bill Duffy was welcomed to the Board.

Every Board of Director was asked to submit names for consideration for the remaining open two Board positions.

ACTION ITEMS: Every BOD Member to reach out to Alumni and to submit names to Mike Dreznes for potential BOD replacements ASAP.

Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Pat Regan

Pat Regan presented the Financial Report as of October 18, 2023.

| Year To Date Summary | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 2023 Budget/Actual | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ROMEOS & All Class Reunion | Golf Outing | Mendel Science Hall | Merchandise Xmas Party | HOF | Veterans Day | Events Total | Corporate | Donations | Scholarships | Cash Basis Total | Running Cash Projection |
| Beginning Cash Balances 12/31/2022 | 20,334.12 | 8,996.29 | | 599.03 | - | 1,955.45 | 31,884.89 | (2,468.95) | (7,000.00) | - | 22,415.94 | 22,415.94 |
| 2023 Activity | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Revenue 2023: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paid | 1,060.00 | 19,131.00 | | 3,430.00 | 2,395.00 | 900.00 | 26,916.00 | | 205.00 | 2,370.00 | 29,491.00 | 29,491.00 |
| Unpaid | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | - | 1,060.00 | 19,131.00 | 3,430.00 | 2,395.00 | 900.00 | 26,916.00 | - | 205.00 | 2,370.00 | 29,491.00 | 29,491.00 |
| Expenses 2023: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paid | 720.00 | 10,130.60 | 920.00 | 2,739.81 | 4,184.02 | - | 18,694.43 | 4,763.82 | 4,004.54 | 5,000.00 | 32,462.79 | 32,462.79 |
| Paid-Hickory Hills deposit-2024 | | 1,000.00 | | | - | | 1,000.00 | (1,655.25) | - | 33.08 | (622.17) | (622.17) |
| Paid expenses for 2024 | | 200.00 | | | | | 200.00 | | | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Unpaid Hickory Hills | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unpaid Other | | | 1,705.00 | | | 2,450.00 | 4,155.00 | (1,597.82) | | | | 2,557.18 |
| Total | 720.00 | 11,330.60 | 2,625.00 | 2,739.81 | 4,184.02 | 2,450.00 | 24,049.43 | 1,510.75 | 4,004.54 | 5,033.08 | 32,040.62 | 34,597.80 |
| Net Cash Results for 2023 | - | 340.00 | 7,800.40 | 690.19 | (1,789.02) | (1,550.00) | 2,866.57 | (1,510.75) | (3,799.54) | (2,663.08) | (2,549.62) | (5,106.80) |
| Net Cash Results 2021-2023 | 20,674.12 | 16,796.69 | | 1,289.22 | (1,789.02) | 405.45 | 34,751.46 | (3,979.70) | (10,799.54) | (2,663.08) | 19,866.32 | 17,309.14 |
| | | | | Chase Bank Balance | | | | 10/19/2023 | | | 21,039.72 | |
| | | | | In Process | | Merchandise | | | | | | |
| | | | | In Process | | Merchandise | | | | | | |
| | | | | In Process | | Refunds in process | | | | | | |
| | | | | In Process | | Golf Register | | | | | | |
| | | | | In Process | | Donations | | | | | | |
| | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | Fr Sotak | | #155 | | | (250.00) | |
| | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | St. Rita showcase | | #182 | | | (920.00) | |
| | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | Mike Deznes | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 19,869.72 | 3.40 |
| Prior year spending for Golf Outings: | 2023 | 2022 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rich Williams Fund for Golf Prizes | 200.00 | 500.00 | | | | Scholarships | 6,000.00 | TBD Proposed by Scholarship Committee | | | | |
| Deposit for Hickory Hills | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Cost: | | 2023 | 2022 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mendel PC & Software | | - | - | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| | | 3,166.00 | 3,810.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Other items in 2022 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foley Award | | | 240.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Augustinian Ad Book | | | 400.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Gift Cards for Reunion Support | | | 780.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | 28.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 3,166.00 | 5,258.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| HOF 2022 Budget Carryover | | (2,710.00) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Augustinian Event April 2023 | | 1,750.00 | | | | | | | | | | |

- The Alumni Association made an insurance installment payment of \$249.
- The Alumni Association made a test purchase of new white hats for \$183.09. They look great. They are white with the Mendel logon in powder blue with Navy lettering and a mesh back section. The latest quote for 120 hats is \$1,504, which is close to the cost we paid for the Navy-blue hats.
- After much research, the Alumni Association leased a storage facility for Mendel artifacts and memorabilia such as the Mendel Gym Letters, golf sponsor signs, banners, and other items. The annual cost is \$721, and the unit size is 5' x 10'. It was time to concentrate all these items in a central and accessible location. The items in mentioned have moved between various Alumni homes, basements, and garages over many years. We plan to inventory and move the mentioned items sometime next week.
- Mendel Science Hall -The Alumni Association paid \$920 to St. Rita for its share of one of the two showcases. The Alumni Association is still waiting for quotes for the Gregor Mendel Mural and printing of the Mendel School images and Mendel History.
- The ROMEO event of 10/18/2023 was a very nice success. The results are not included in this report as Pat Regan was still reconciling items. Plus, the cash deposits were not made until earlier this morning and the CC charges have not yet been processed. A quick look shows the Alumni Association cleared \$340 and the Alumni Association also sold \$120 of hats and T-shirts.

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

HOF Committee Secretary John Farris has been acting as the HOF Chairman pro tempore. The other Members of the HOF Committee are Jack Gavin, John Riordan, and Rod Chambers. Although these positions have not been filled, John Farris is confident that a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary could be determined rather quickly.

After much discussion regarding Alumni Association Board Members being allowed to also be on the Hall of Fame Committee and the independence of the Hall of Fame Committee from the Alumni Association Board of Directors, it was proposed to modify the Alumni Association Articles of Association Section 5 Paragraph H-6 that reads:

6) 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.

to read:

6. 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, endorse, and select new Members to the Mendel Hall of Fame.

John Frankin made the motion to modify the Alumni Association Articles of Association Section 5 H-2 as proposed. Andy Youpel seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mike Dreznes will update the Alumni Association Articles of Association by October 25, 2023..

ACTION ITEMS: Mike Dreznes to update the Articles of Association by October 25, 2023. The website will be updated by October 25, 2023.

Chairman's Report- Website Committee- Rick Zarr

Rick Zarr was on vacation. Mike Dreznes reported that the "SHOP MONARCHS DIRECTORY" is live on the website. Comments have been positive.

MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FAITH HONOR DISCOVER CONNECT GIVE SHOP

MENDEL ALUM BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Shopping and Retail

Beverly Records
Jack Dreznes (66), Randy Dreznes (71), Mike Dreznes (68)
11612 S Western Chicago, IL 60643
Phone: 7737790066
The Beverly Record Shop, run by the Dreznes trio, Jack Dreznes, Randy Dreznes, and Mike Dreznes, is a cherished hub for vinyl enthusiasts. Their passion for physical music.
Website: <http://www.beverlyrecords.com>

Shopping and Retail

Doody's Doodles
Doody's Doodles (7)
Doody's Doodles offers hand-signed, watercolor giclee fine art prints of iconic blues artists including Jimi Hendrix, B.B. King, and Clapton. Each print is artist-signed and numbered, with options in two sizes. Original art also offered.
website: <https://www.doodydoodles.com/>

Official Alumni YouTube

John Mikenis had suggested that the donations page be configured to allow reoccurring monthly donations. John Dreznes was able to set up this capability on the website. All Board of Director Members were encouraged to make monthly donations to the Scholarship Fund. To date John Mikenis and Mike Dreznes have signed up to make monthly donations.

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

ACTION ITEMS: All BOD Members are encouraged to sign up to make Monthly Donations by November 1, 2023.

Chairman’s Report-Membership Committee-Ron Dubin

Ron Dubin was unable to attend the meeting. Mike Dreznes emphasized the need to get Email addresses for Alumni to make them aware of the Alumni Association’s existence and the Alumni Associations Events and Activities.

Rich Williams continues to do an incredible job locating addresses and phone numbers. Mike Dreznes is working with Rich Williams, and he makes phone calls to all Alumni with a phone number listed to get email addresses.. Some Alumni do not have access to email. They are being sent correspondence through US Mail.

Mike Dreznes currently has updated the database from the 1955 Class thru “MIKE SHAVER” in the Class of 1964. Bill Duffy has offered to contact his 1964 Classmates to get their email addresses.

Since June 20, 2023, Rich Williams has helped to find 425 more Deceased Monarchs and 201 more Email addresses for Alumni. Mike Dreznes 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 | 14.26% |
| 1956 | 274 | 88 | 191 | 28 | 14.06% |
| 1957 | 250 | 51 | 199 | 27 | 14.57% |
| 1958 | 325 | 49 | 276 | 54 | 19.67% |
| 1959 | 377 | 52 | 325 | 71 | 21.85% |
| 1960 | 413 | 67 | 346 | 53 | 15.12% |
| 1961 | 366 | 55 | 311 | 59 | 18.07% |
| 1962 | 318 | 121 | 197 | 140 | 71.07% |
| 1963 | 376 | 57 | 319 | 60 | 18.81% |
| 1964 | 440 | 45 | 395 | 80 | 20.25% |
| 1965 | 488 | 62 | 426 | 55 | 12.01% |
| 1966 | 487 | 59 | 428 | 83 | 19.81% |
| 1967 | 389 | 32 | 357 | 70 | 19.61% |
| 1968 | 354 | 70 | 284 | 152 | 67.81% |
| 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 | 30.13% |
| 1973 | 258 | 23 | 235 | 110 | 46.82% |
| 1974 | 229 | 15 | 213 | 32 | 15.00% |
| 1975 | 168 | 12 | 156 | 45 | 28.85% |
| 1976 | 140 | 5 | 135 | 23 | 17.06% |
| 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 | 16.35% |
| 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 | 16.92% |
| 1986 | 128 | 4 | 124 | 21 | 16.96% |
| 1987 | 137 | 4 | 133 | 30 | 22.56% |
| 1988 | 99 | 2 | 97 | 16 | 16.49% |
| 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

- 425
- More
- Deaths

201 More Emails

| MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 10/15/2023 | | | | | |
|---|-------|----------|--------|-------|--------|
| CLASS | NAMES | DECEASED | LIVING | EMAIL | % |
| 1955 | 289 | 123 | 166 | 38 | 22.89% |
| 1956 | 275 | 121 | 154 | 43 | 27.92% |
| 1957 | 251 | 76 | 175 | 32 | 18.29% |
| 1958 | 326 | 73 | 253 | 69 | 27.27% |
| 1959 | 376 | 90 | 286 | 83 | 29.02% |
| 1960 | 410 | 146 | 264 | 68 | 25.76% |
| 1961 | 365 | 76 | 289 | 68 | 23.53% |
| 1962 | 317 | 127 | 190 | 153 | 80.53% |
| 1963 | 374 | 102 | 272 | 77 | 28.31% |
| 1964 | 436 | 102 | 334 | 107 | 32.04% |
| 1965 | 478 | 69 | 409 | 56 | 13.69% |
| 1966 | 487 | 62 | 425 | 90 | 21.18% |
| 1967 | 387 | 38 | 349 | 75 | 21.49% |
| 1968 | 354 | 74 | 280 | 196 | 70.00% |
| 1969 | 362 | 40 | 322 | 82 | 25.47% |
| 1970 | 294 | 19 | 275 | 70 | 25.45% |
| 1971 | 326 | 32 | 294 | 105 | 35.71% |
| 1972 | 262 | 25 | 237 | 72 | 30.38% |
| 1973 | 256 | 30 | 226 | 115 | 50.89% |
| 1974 | 227 | 16 | 211 | 38 | 18.01% |
| 1975 | 168 | 12 | 156 | 46 | 29.49% |
| 1976 | 140 | 5 | 135 | 24 | 17.78% |
| 1977 | 76 | 6 | 70 | 20 | 28.57% |
| 1978 | 136 | 9 | 127 | 36 | 28.35% |
| 1979 | 176 | 12 | 164 | 34 | 20.73% |
| 1980 | 111 | 7 | 104 | 19 | 18.27% |
| 1981 | 115 | 8 | 107 | 21 | 19.63% |
| 1982 | 96 | 3 | 93 | 22 | 23.66% |
| 1983 | 120 | 4 | 116 | 15 | 12.93% |
| 1984 | 142 | 2 | 140 | 28 | 20.00% |
| 1985 | 134 | 6 | 128 | 24 | 18.75% |
| 1986 | 128 | 4 | 124 | 22 | 17.24% |
| 1987 | 138 | 4 | 134 | 33 | 24.63% |
| 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 | 8981 | 1535 | 7446 | 2014 | 27.05% |
| TEACHER | 37 | 13 | 24 | 7 | 29.17% |
| TOTAL | 9018 | 1548 | 7470 | 2021 | 27.05% |

Mike Dreznes 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 October 24, 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 on October 23, 2023.

Chairman's Report-Veterans Committee-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel reported that the November 11, 2023 Veterans Day Mass will be held at St. Rita Chapel starting with Mass at 10 AM, followed by the Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 AM. All Veterans and their families are welcome to attend this Event.

Andy is collaborating with his Veteran Committee that consists of Jim Chevalier ('66) US NAVY, Mike Connolly ('60) US ARMY, Mike Dreznes ('68), John Fanning ('68) US ARMY. Tom Gavin ('67), Bill Kushner ('71), Terry Gainer ('65) US ARMY, Kelvin Lovely ('78), Pat Regan ('68), and Marty Gainer ('70) US ARMY to finalize plans. The Committee has already met once and will meet at least one more time before the Event.

Andy asked that all Board Members print out ten copies of the announcement below and post them in their local restaurants, bars, barber shops, etc. Mike Dreznes will send the announcement to all BOD Members.

MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Veterans Day Mass & Ceremony

November 11, 2023 at St. Rita High School
7740 South Western Ave

Mass begins at 10 AM - Veterans Ceremony begins at 11 AM

Everyone is invited, with reserved seating for Mendel
Veterans & Their Families



VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



For additional information visit www.MendelCHS.org or
contact Andy Youpel at (312) 287-8913 agyoupel@gmail.com

Andy Youpel said that he needs volunteers, ideally Board Members who are Veterans, to read the readings at the Mass. Andy will read the petitions and he will ask Fr. Tom McCarthy for help to write the petitions.

Terry Gainer will be the featured speaker and Mike Dreznes will be the emcee. Mike Dreznes is preparing the Event Booklet. Board of Director Members are encouraged to place a Memorial Message in the Booklet.

Andy will work with St. Rita to get students involved with the promotion of this Event. Craig Larsen suggested the Alumni Association locate a Corporate Sponsor. All agreed this was an innovative idea, but no one knew was sure how to pursue this sponsor. The back page, inside cover and backside cover of the Event Booklet were available if a Corporate Sponsor wanted to purchase them.

Andy Youpel reported that since this Event will be for Veterans, and not Veterans plus First Responders, the Veterans Committee is considering a First Responders Mass and Ceremony on Wednesday May 15, 2024, which is Peace Officers Memorial Day. Peace Officers Memorial Day is observed annually in the United States on May 15th. It is held in honor of federal, state, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. The day is observed in conjunction with Police Week.

ACTION ITEMS: Mike Dreznes to send all BOD Members the Publicity Flyer for the Veterans Day Event by October 23, 2023 so they can make ten copies and distribute them. .. UPDATE: All Bod Members were sent the Publicity Flyer for the Veterans Day Event on October 21, 2023.

Chairman's Report-Scholarship Committee-Eric Rouse

Eric Rouse was not on the call. He will be asked to present an update on the Legacy Scholarship at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

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 overtime to design "The Mendel Hall of Science-Dedicated to the Mendel Catholic Prep Alumni Association" at St. Rita High School.

Pat Regan presented the current status of the Mendel High School display area.

Mendel High School Display Area in Mendel Hall of Science



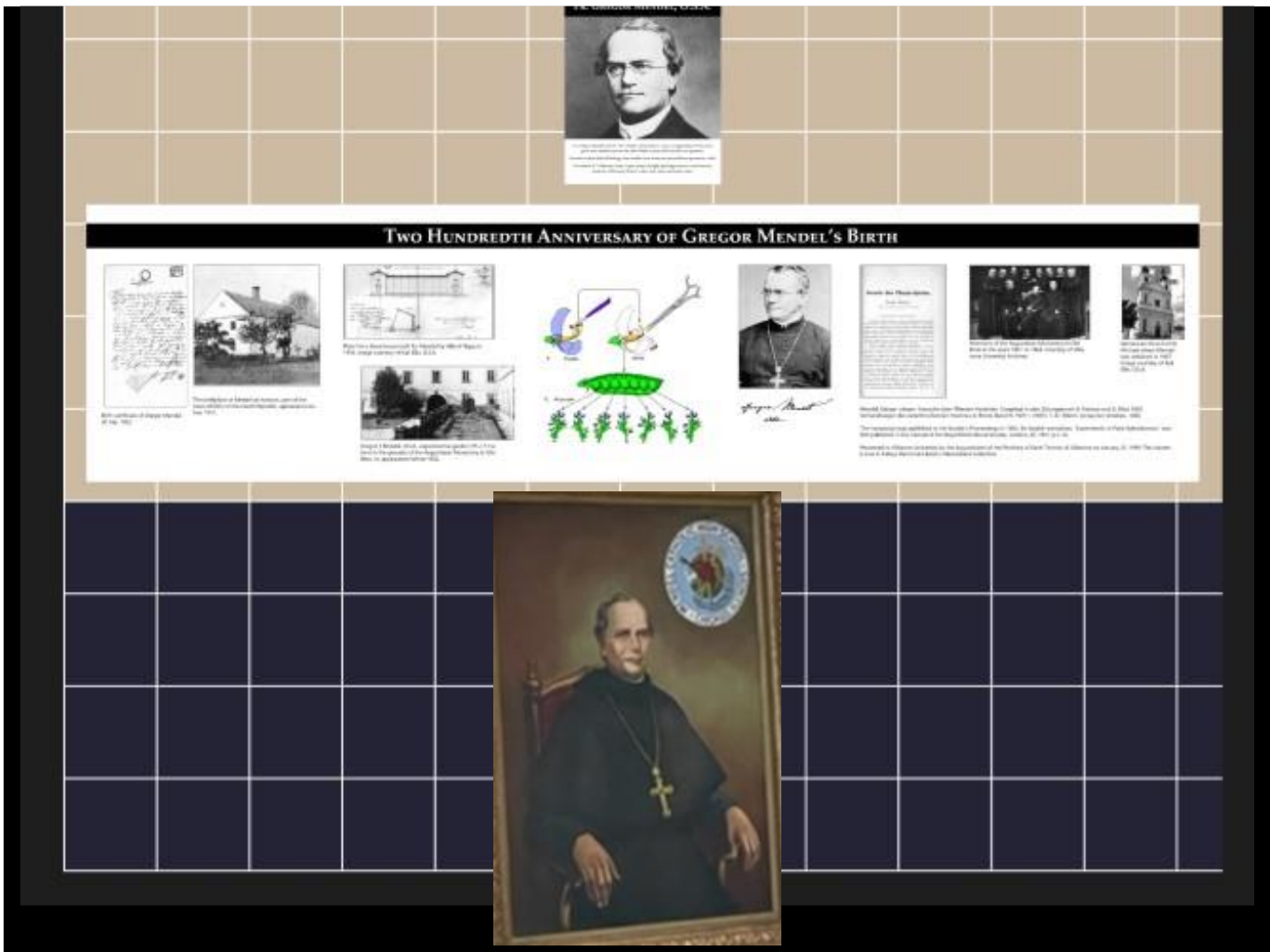
To take advantage of their tax-exempt status, St. Rita purchased the two trophy cases, and the Mendel Alumni Association will reimburse them for one of the cases.

The two flat screen TVs will show the photo of the Monarchs killed in Vietnam, as well as the History of Mendel High School and the Members of the Mendel Hall of Fame. The final configuration of the items on the screens is still under discussion. Other photos and items, such as sweaters and letters will be considered.

The following trophies are in hand and 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.

The Alumni Association continues to look for other trophies, especially Track and Wrestling. It may be possible to recreate some of the missing 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.

In a separate area, further down the Hall to the North, Gregor Mendel's portrait and as well as a mural describing Gregor Mendel's life will be laminated on the wall.



The dedication ceremony is 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.

Pat Regan presented the following cost estimate for the Mendel Hall of Science rededication:

| Mendel Science Hall | | | | |
|---|--|-----|----------|--------|
| | Items and Description | | Est | Actual |
| 1 | New showcases for Trophies split 50/50 with St. Rita | | 925.00 | 920.00 |
| 2 | Hallway wall mural of Gregor Mendel legacy and history | | 900.00 | |
| 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 | |
| 7 | Framing of Mendel History with school & Seary p | New | 400.00 | |
| Total Projected Costs | | | 3,025.00 | |
| Request donations from Alumni via web site, email blasts to support the official dedication event of the Mendel Science Hall at St. Rita scheduled for January 10, 2024 | | | | |

Andy Youpel reiterated that the Mendel Alumni Association will 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

On Wednesday October 18, 2023, Terry Lynch ('66) hosted thirty-two Monarchs for a R.O.M.E.O. Event at JJ Kelley’s Restaurant and Pub in Lansing, Illinois.



**EASTSIDE & NW INDIANA
R.O.M.E.O. 10/18/23**



The food was excellent, and the company was wonderful.



No final decision regarding the next R.O.M.E.O Event, but discussions are pending regarding a possible R.O.M.E.O. Event in the Western Suburbs.

All Board Members were encouraged to attend the R.O.M.E.O Events.

2024 All-Class Reunion Discussion

Mike Dreznes reminded the Board 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.

The Mendel Alumni Association Announces

MENDEL MONARCHS

ALL-CLASS REUNION

Honoring the 50 Year Anniversaries for
the Classes of 1973 & 1974
FRIDAY MAY 3, 2024

Spouses & Significant Others Welcome
Gaelic Park
6119 West 147th St.
Oak Forest, IL 60452

6:30 Cocktails | 7:30 Dinner
\$70 Per Person if paid by March 9, 2024
\$90 Per person after March 9, 2024
\$525 Per Table of 8 (Only until March 9, 2024)

Send checks to Pat Regan
15510 Bayberry Lane. Wheaton, IL 60189
or Call Pat Regan with Credit Card Details
at (630) 408 -1447

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

VISIT www.mendelchs.org
FOR MORE DETAILS

Mike Dreznes asked for volunteers to serve on an All-Class Reunion Committee. John Mikenis agreed to serve on the Committee, but said due to the distance, it would not be appropriate for him to serve as the Chairman of the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Mendel Basketball Event at St. Rita vs Providence Basketball Game on December 12, 2023

On December 12, 2023, St. Rita will host Providence Catholic for a basketball game. Coach Ross Burr of St. Rita suggested that his team, as well as Providence Catholic could wear Mendel shirts during warm-ups.

Mendel would invite all Alumni, especially basketball Alumni to the game, and possibly a gathering before or after the game. The Mendel Basketball teams could be honored at halftime and the Mendel Coaches (Mike Flaherty and Mike Mandarino and Ben Riley) could sit on the bench during the game.

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.

Mike Dreznes suggested that the occasion be used to name All-Decade Mendel Basketball Team. However, no one on the Board was too excited about this idea, since it would entail significant work, and possibly some upset players who were not included on the All Decade teams.

Mendel Alumni Association Storage Area

Pat Regan announced that the Mendel Alumni Association signed a lease for a 5x10 storage unit at 10800 Central in Chicago Ridge. The password to get into the facility and the combination for the unit lock can be obtained from Pat Regan.



Mendel Alumni Association Christmas Gathering

The Board agreed that based on availability, Tuesday December 19, 2023 would be an appropriate date for the 2023 Mendel Alumni Association Christmas gathering. The Board Members were encouraged to contact Mike Dreznes with potential sites for this Event.

NEXT MEETING

The next BOD ZOOM meeting will be held on Thursday December 14, 2023 at 7 PM Chicago time.

CORRECTION: The next BOD ZOOM Meeting will be on Friday December 15, 2023 at 6 PM Chicago time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

