



**Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
June 4, 2024
MINUTES**

President Tom Gavin Called the Meeting to Order at 7:03 PM

John Knoebel, Gene Rouse, Rick Zarr, Craig Larson, John Mikenis, Durell James, Mike Dreznes, Kelvin Lovely, Pat Regan, Tom Gavin, Andy Youpel Bob Lopez, and Dennis Heitzmann were present. Bill Johnson, Steve Smith, and Dan Rowan attended the meeting as guests.

John Wilson, Bob Fioretti, Terry Gainer, Eric Rouse, Billy Hilbring, John Franklin, J.C Crane, David Milton, David Ireland, Ron Dubin, and Don Triveline notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting prior to the meeting.

John Fanning (5th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), and Mike Foley (5th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), Bill Duffy, and Derek Lott, were Missing With No Explanation.

Opening Prayer

Andy Youpel opened the meeting with a prayer asking for a productive meeting filled with creative ideas.


Minutes from April 9, 2024 BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the April 9, 2024, 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. Durell James seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

J.C. Crane & Bob Lopez Introduction & Approval to Replace Curtis Rempson & Nolan Lane

J.C. Crane ('85) & Bob Lopez ('73) were introduced to the Board. The Board reviewed their applications.

 **MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME J.C. CRANE JR.
 CLASS YEAR AT MENDEL 1985
 HOME ADDRESS 2477 Hwy 6 #230
Overland, MO 63369
 PHONE 636.696.3098
 E-MAIL J.C. CRANE JR. @MSP.COM
 WORK EXPERIENCE Private and professional writing.

DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER? IF SO, WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE?
Private and professional writing.

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU BRING TO THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS? The skills I bring to the Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors are: Business, Marketing, Financial, Leadership, and Communication.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
I want to be a member of the Mendel Alumni Association because I am dedicated to service. I have a proven track record of working with various business challenges. I am a proven leader who works with excellent communication skills.



NAME: Bob Lopez
 CLASS YEAR: 1973
 HOME ADDRESS: 14135 E 1560 Road, Stockton, MO 65785
 PHONE: (734) 276-7224 - Mobile
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WORK EXPERIENCE: See below

DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER? No, I have not had the opportunity to serve as a member of a board.

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU BRING TO THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS? In spite of not serving formally with a board of directors group, I believe that my experiences in higher education serving on committees, strategic planning groups, and as a member of several great athletic departments have provided some of the requisite skills for success. Being thorough and detailed, thoughtful and curious, collaborative and intentional with a service attitude and intent to be the best teammate are aspects of my work that I hope can bring to our team.


WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS? In addition to being a great honor, this presents a great opportunity to serve the Mendel community while connecting with Mendel Monarchs from all classes. As you know, the Mendel experience was one for which I will always be indebted and hope to help preserve the memories and legacy for all Monarchs.

Kelvin Lovely made the motion to accept J.C. Crane and Bob Lopez as new Board Members. Tom Gavin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. J.C. and Bob were welcomed on the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Pat Regan

Pat Regan presented the Financial Report as of June 4, 2024.


He reported that our Cash Balance stands at just over \$35,000. Our Running Cash Balance stands at just over \$20,200. This is a significant improvement from our last meeting due to stellar results from the Mendel 2024 All Class Reunion. Special Note-The Running Cash Balance of \$20,200 reflects all the expected costs for the 2024 Golf Outing and any remaining unpaid Corporate Costs for the year. This balance will improve as we get more registrations for the 2024 Golf Outing.



| MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Year To Date Summary 2024 Budget/Actual | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ROMEO'S & All Class Reunion | Golf Outing | Mendel Science Hall | Donation Gift | HOI | Veterans Day | Events Total | Corporate | Donations | Legacy Awards | Cash Bal | Running Cash Projection |
| Beginning Cash Balances 12/31/2023 | 21,479.12 | 16,676.73 | (3,510.46) | (191.61) | (1,499.01) | 3,129.99 | 36,064.76 | (6,477.54) | (10,484.04) | 721.92 | 19,844.00 | 19,844.00 |
| 2024 Activity | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Receipts 2024: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paid | 242 | 31,056.00 | 3,920.00 | 3,079.50 | - | - | 38,955.50 | - | - | 410.00 | 38,465.50 | 38,465.50 |
| In Process | 0 | 1,080.00 | 2,370.00 | - | - | - | 3,450.00 | - | - | 1,375.00 | 4,825.00 | 4,825.00 |
| Romeo's | | 1,170.00 | - | - | - | - | 1,170.00 | - | - | - | 1,170.00 | 1,170.00 |
| Total | 242 | 33,306.00 | 6,290.00 | 3,079.50 | - | - | 43,575.50 | - | - | 1,785.00 | 44,465.50 | 44,465.50 |
| Expenses 2024: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paid/Reunion Variable Costs | | 652.51 | - | - | - | - | 652.51 | - | - | - | 652.51 | 652.51 |
| Reunion Fixed Costs | | 1,887.86 | - | - | - | - | 1,887.86 | - | - | - | 1,887.86 | 1,887.86 |
| Gaelic Park | | 12,911.25 | - | - | - | - | 12,911.25 | - | - | - | 12,911.25 | 12,911.25 |
| Romeo's | | 1,922.45 | - | - | - | - | 1,922.45 | - | - | - | 1,922.45 | 1,922.45 |
| Paid-History Hils deposit-2025 | | - | 1,054.73 | 1,057.28 | 1,939.95 | - | 4,051.96 | 2,032.60 | 548.87 | 6,115.64 | 12,767.37 | 12,767.37 |
| Unpaid: Reunion Fixed Costs - Program Book | | 1,000.00 | - | - | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | - | - | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Reunion To Gaelic Park 250 | | - | 8,570.00 | - | - | - | 8,570.00 | - | - | - | 8,570.00 | 8,570.00 |
| Unpaid-History Hils | | - | 1,159.87 | - | 175.00 | - | 1,334.87 | 1,912.00 | 2,400.00 | - | 5,246.87 | 5,246.87 |
| Unpaid Other | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | | 17,474.07 | 10,744.00 | 1,057.28 | 1,939.95 | 175.00 | 31,449.20 | 3,545.20 | 2,948.87 | 6,115.64 | 29,241.44 | 44,058.91 |
| Net Cash Results for 2024 | 242 | 15,831.94 | (4,484.00) | (1,057.28) | 1,139.55 | (175.00) | 11,226.31 | (3,545.20) | (2,948.87) | (4,330.64) | 15,219.07 | 41,165.00 |
| Net Cash Results 2021-2024 | | 37,311.06 | 12,182.13 | (4,567.74) | 947.94 | (1,674.01) | 3,111.69 | 47,311.07 | (10,022.74) | (13,433.41) | (3,608.72) | 35,065.87 |
| | | | | | | | Chase Bank Balance | | 531,209.4 | | 32,315.09 | |
| | | | | | | | In Process | In Process | Reunion Register | | | |
| | | | | | | | In Process | In Process | Reunion Bank, Donations & Silent Auction | 1,000.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | In Process | In Process | Legacy Awards | | 2,370.00 | |
| | | | | | | | In Process | In Process | Golf Outing | | | |
| | | | | | | | In Process | In Process | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | Regan test | | (2.00) | |
| | | | | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | Legacy Awards | | (700.00) | |
| | | | | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Less: O/S Checks | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 35,066.89 | 243 |

The second attachment presented by Pat Regan was a Summary Overview of the 2024 All Class Reunion with these specific comments:

- a. Although the attendance for this year's Reunion was 250 compared to 397 for the 2022 Reunion our projected net results per person will be near \$64 vs \$48.
- b. There are a few expense items outstanding and Silent Auction receipts yet to be received, but I expect the overall net results should come in near \$15,750 - \$16,000.
- c. We significantly exceeded the Other Revenue categories of the Program Book placements & Donations. We fell below the prior Reunion results for Silent Auction & Split the Pot due to the lower attendance.
- d. Not included in the Reunion results is \$2,552 of receipts for Donation Gifts vs \$2,050 in 2022. Even with the lower attendance, the greater proceeds were due to more Donation Gifts available at higher Donation values.



| MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reunion Model- High Level View | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current Situation | 5/31/2024 | | 2024 Reunion | # | Actual 2022 Reunion | # | Variance \$ | # | | | |
| Attendance Paid To Date | 2023 & 2024 | | 18,820.00 | 245 | 30,300.00 | 397 | (11,480.00) | (152) | | | |
| Attendance Unpaid To Date | 2024 | | - | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Comp Attendance | | | - | 5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 250 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | \$ Per | | \$ Per | | | | | |
| Program Book Revenue | Paid | 2023 & 2024 | 5,770.00 | 23.42 | 4,100.00 | 10.33 | 1,755.00 | | | | |
| Program Book Revenue | Unpaid | 2024 | 85.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Donations | Paid | | 2,250.00 | 9.00 | 2,140.00 | 5.39 | 110.00 | | | | |
| Split the pot | | | 1,475.00 | 5.90 | 1,790.00 | 4.51 | (315.00) | | | | |
| Silent Auction | Paid | | 3,265.00 | 17.04 | 4,480.00 | 11.28 | (219.00) | | | | |
| Silent Auction | Unpaid | 2024 | 995.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Other Revenues | | | 13,841.00 | 55.36 | 12,510.00 | 31.51 | 1,331.00 | | | | |
| Total Revenues | | | 32,661.00 | 130.64 | 42,810.00 | 107.83 | (10,149.00) | | | | |
| Paid Variable Costs- CC Fees | | | 652.51 | | | | | | | | |
| Unpaid Variable CC Fees Est | | | 81.38 | | | | | | | | |
| Paid Fixed Costs w/ Tips | | | 1,887.86 | | | | | | | | |
| Est for Program Booklet | | | 1,000.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Unpaid Fixed Costs | | | - | | | | | | | | |
| Final Cost to Gaelic | 250 | | 12,911.25 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Projected Costs | | | 16,532.99 | 66.13 | 23,802.53 | 59.96 | 7,269.54 | | | | |
| Excess (Deficit) | | | 16,128.01 | 64.51 | 19,007.47 | 47.88 | (2,879.46) | | | | |
| Donation Gifts Receipts | | | 2,552.00 | 10.21 | 2,050.00 | 5.16 | | | | | |

Pat presented the third Attachment that was the-2024 Golf Outing Overview:

We have seen some registration activity for the 2024 Golf Outing. To date we have twenty-three registrants (19 paid and four in process). We have seven golfers who rolled over their 2023 rain out round to 2024-that revenue was recorded in 2023. Also, we had seven golfers that donated their rain out round and those amounts were recorded as Donations in 2023.



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| Golf Outing Model | 2024 | | 2023 | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|----|--|
| | \$ | # | \$ | # | |
| Golf Dinner: | | | | | |
| Attendance Paid To Date | 2,945.00 | 13 | 14,821.00 | 99 | |
| Attendance Unpaid To Date | 820.00 | 4 | | | |
| Dinner Only | | | 350.00 | 7 | |
| Total | <u>3,565.00</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>15,171.00</u> | | |
| Other Revenue (Paid & Unpaid): | | | | | |
| Hole Sponsorships | 750.00 | | 2,800.00 | | |
| Donations (\$1k form Golf Fees in 2023) | 475.00 | | 2,380.00 | | 7 Donated \$1k in golf fees in 2023 |
| Split the pot/ Raffle | - | | 710.00 | | |
| Silent Auction | - | | 895.00 | | |
| Golf Refunds in 2023 \$150/ea. | - | | (2,900.00) | 20 | |
| Golf Outing Sponsor (Golf Carts) | 1,500.00 | | | | |
| Total Other Revenue | <u>2,725.00</u> | | <u>3,885.00</u> | | |
| Paid Variable Costs - CC Fees | 50.13 | | | | |
| Unpaid Variable CC Fees Est | | | | | |
| Paid Fixed Costs | 1,004.60 | | 4,037.19 | | \$2,182 for Towels in 2023 |
| Unpaid Tips | 160.00 | | | | |
| Unpaid Other Fixed Costs | 999.87 | | | | |
| Cost to Hickory Hills 87 in 2024, 71 in 2023 | <u>8,570.00</u> | | <u>6,100.00</u> | | Cost for 7 Golfers in 2023 deferred to 2024 1,085.00 |
| Total Projected Costs | <u>10,784.60</u> | | <u>10,137.19</u> | | |
| Net | <u>(4,494.60)</u> | | <u>8,018.81</u> | | |
| Golf Fees deferred to 2024 | | | <u>(1,950.00)</u> | | |
| | | | <u>7,068.81</u> | | |

Pat reported that all but one check for \$700 of the 2024 Legacy Award payments (9 totaling \$6,000) have been cashed. Great success! He thanked Eric Rouse and Craig Larson for their leadership with this program.

Craig Larson asked Pat Regan to summarize how the funds in the account were spent. John Knoebel suggested that the Association maintains a minimum of a full year of anticipated expenditures as the Association’s Operating Reserves. Pat Regan explained that the monies in the bank were adequate to cover the next twelve months’ anticipated expenses for all events and services.

Multiple Board Members congratulated Pat Regan for his outstanding, professional work as Treasurer. John Knoebel acknowledged the time and effort required to accomplish what Pat Regan has done, and he thanked him on behalf of the Board. Pat Regan explained that he can always use more help at events and activities as well as in the days leading up to said events and activities. John Mikenis suggested that Pat Regan consider soliciting Board Member help to create a Finance Committee if Pat so desires.

John Mikenis made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Dennis Heitzmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reunion Committee Report

John Mikenis presented a summary of the 2024 All-Class Reunion on May 3, 2024:

Attendance: 245

Volunteers: ~ Sixty-Five Alumni assisted with the staffing needs at the Reunion.

Financial Success: ~\$16k positive surplus generated.

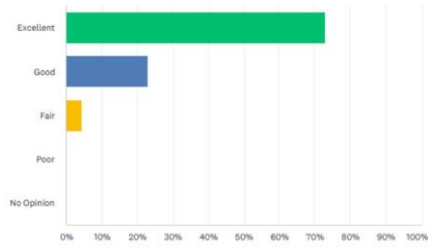
John also presented slides from the Survey Monkey that he initiated after the Reunion. (see below) For Event Satisfaction, 51 of 70 (73%) Reunion Survey respondents rated the Reunion as “Excellent. “

The 70-person (28%) response is considered a very good rate for a survey return.

Q1

- How would you rate the class reunion? Choose one:

Answered: 70 Skipped: 0

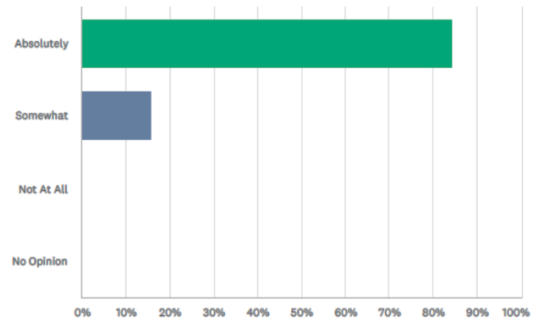


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Excellent | 72.86% | 51 |
| Good | 22.86% | 16 |
| Fair | 4.29% | 3 |
| Poor | 0.00% | 0 |
| No Opinion | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 70 |

Q2

- Did reunion events seem organized? Choose one:

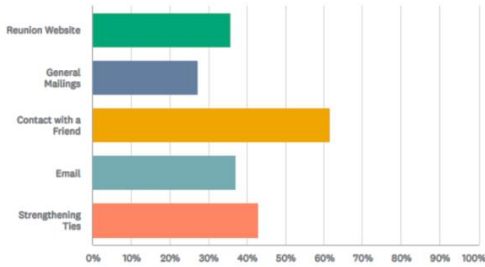
Answered: 70 Skipped: 0



Q3

- What was the factor that encouraged you to attend the class reunion? Choose All That Apply:

Answered: 70 Skipped: 0

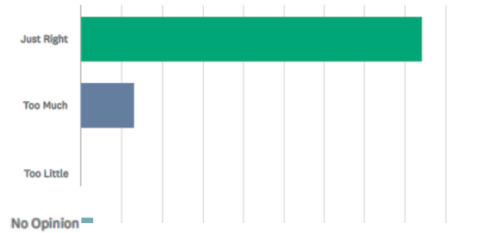


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Reunion Website | 35.71% | 25 |
| General Mailings | 27.14% | 19 |
| Contact with a Friend | 61.43% | 43 |
| Email | 37.14% | 26 |
| Strengthening Ties | 42.86% | 30 |
| Total Respondents: 70 | | |

Q4

- Please rate the content & frequency of reunion communications? Choose One:

Answered: 69 Skipped: 1

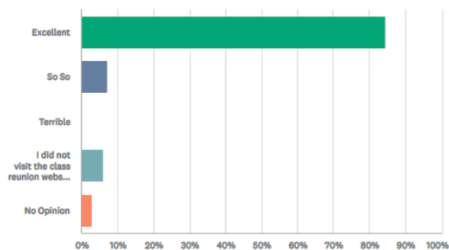


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Just Right | 84.06% | 58 |
| Too Much | 13.04% | 9 |
| Too Little | 0.00% | 0 |
| No Opinion | 2.90% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 69 |

Q5

- Please rate the content of the class reunion website. Choose One:

Answered: 70 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Excellent | 84.29% | 59 |
| So So | 7.14% | 5 |
| Terrible | 0.00% | 0 |
| I did not visit the class reunion website | 5.71% | 4 |
| No Opinion | 2.86% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 70 |

Q6

- Did the early payment discount prompt you to register earlier? Choose One:

Answered: 70 Skipped: 0

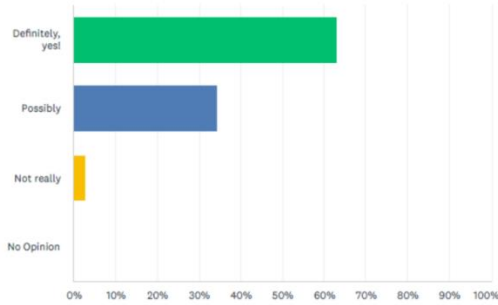


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 75.71% | 53 |
| No | 20.00% | 14 |
| No Opinion | 4.29% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 70 |

Q7

- Has this class reunion inspired you to attend future alumni/class events in your local area? Choose One:

Answered: 70 Skipped: 0

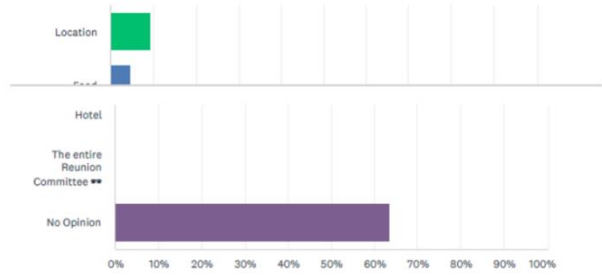


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Definitely, yes! | 62.86% | 44 |
| Possibly | 34.29% | 24 |
| Not really | 2.86% | 2 |
| No Opinion | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 70 |

Q8

- What changes would you like to see made to future class reunion? Choose One:

Answered: 66 Skipped: 4

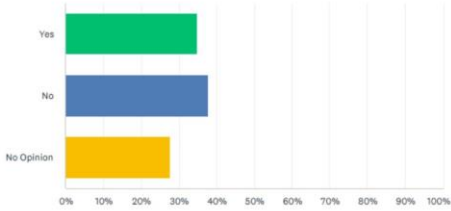


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Location | 9.09% | 6 |
| Food | 4.55% | 3 |
| Activities | 22.73% | 15 |
| Hotel | 0.00% | 0 |
| The entire Reunion Committee | 0.00% | 0 |
| No Opinion | 63.64% | 42 |
| TOTAL | | 66 |

Q9

- Are you willing to help plan future events? Choose One:

Answered: 69 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 34.78% | 24 |
| No | 37.68% | 26 |
| No Opinion | 27.54% | 19 |
| TOTAL | | 69 |

ACTIVE SURVEY

Mendel All Class Reunion 2024 - AA Survey

70

Total Responses

70

Completed Responses

Completion Rate 100%

Last Entry 05/30/2024

Created 05/12/2024

[VIEW DETAILS](#) [VIEW ALL SURVEYS](#)

John Mikenis and Mike Dreznes were thanked for their tireless efforts to make the Reunion a success.

Chairman's Report-Golf Committee-Bill Johnson

The Golf Committee currently consists of John Knoebel, Andy Youpel, Bill Duffy, Pat Regan, Tom Gavin, Rick Zarr, Don Goepner, Kelvin Lovely, Tim Zimbauer, John Farris, Mike Dreznes, David Ireland, John Fanning and Bill Kushner.

Bill Johnson announced that he had about twenty foursomes registered for the 2024 Golf Outing. His "blue sky" goal is to have one hundred and forty-four golfers. However, a more realistic target would be one hundred golfers.

Bill Johnson said that typically golfers register closer to the date. He encouraged all Board Members to either play at the Outing or to purchase a Hole Sponsor Sign. He also asked that all Board Members contact friends and family to play. The Outing is NOT restricted to Mendel Alumni. Mike Dreznes offered to send all Board of Directors the current Master Alumni Spreadsheet so they can reach out to Mendel Alumni to create foursomes or to generate individual interest. **(UPDATE: BOARD MEMBERS WERE SENT AN UPDATED MASTER ALUMNI ROSTER SPREADSHEET ON JUNE 8, 2024)**



Bill Johnson noted that he had about fifty good hole sponsor signs. He said some sponsors think that their sponsor sign will be used at every Mendel Golf Outing. This needs to be clarified since the sponsor fee is only for the current year's golf outing. The one exception would be Phil Franczyk, who recently passed away. His hole sponsor sign will be used again this year only.

| Contact | Phone | Message | Comments |
|--------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| John Kowal | 712-695-5353 | On You Men Of Mendel John Kowal 75 | good |
| Jack Vlasy | 630-808-3653 | Jack Vlasy Insurance V Financial Group 630-808-3653 | good |
| Ed Burke Jim Vlasy | | In Memory of Joe Magee He coached the first of many Mendel Championships | good |
| Phil Franczyk | Phil is deceased but I think we should use sign | Class of '87 Phil Franczyk | good |
| ??? | | | good |
| Larry Aneman | 773-775-3008 | Larry Aneman 773-775-3008 For all your Real Estate Needs | good |
| | | Lincoln Protein Incorporated 324 W. 38th St. Chicago 60609 | good |
| Dennis Gaskick '81 | 312-302-4615 | Thank you Mr. Odrowski | good |
| Class of '84 | | In Honor of John Roper '84 For a distinguished Academic career. His classmates | good |
| Greg Meris | 815-642-2148 | The Mendel Memorials of Heward, Greg Meris '88 | good |
| Bill Johnson | 708-754-0725 | For your health and well being call Bill Johnson 708-754-0725 billjohnson@outlook.com | good |
| ??? | | Appointments - Thank you for making Mendel a special place | good |
| Rich Williams | 708-343-3613 | Queen's Plaza 2201 S. Archer Chicago Ill Edgar - Rich from Mendel sent you | Need new sign |
| Jack George | 312-343-8044 | Jack George Class of 1959 | Good |
| Jack George | 312-343-8044 | Jack George Bill Sullivan OGA CLASS OF 1959 | Need new sign |
| Randy Dreznes | 708-692-4417 | Beauty Shaw Racards 1912 Western Chicago | Need new sign |
| Kub Schmidt 708-448-8687 | 708-448-8687 | Golf Enterprise Robert Schmidt '87 1670 S. Ridge Road Chicago Ridge | good |
| ??? | | Microworld Dental 1965 La Grange Heights 708-473-8689 | Need new |
| Tim Lewis | 695-228-1088 | Tim Lewis Class of 1966 | Good |

Mike Dreznes suggested that the Golf Committee considered adding “Cornhole” or “Bags” Tournament for non-golfers at the Golf Outing. This would encourage more attendance at the event. The Board considered this a good idea and suggested that the name of the event be modified to “Mendel Alumni Association “More Than A Golf Outing.”

Bill Johnson said that Hickory Hills will allow us to set up the Cornhole Boards in the banquet room or on the outside patio. Bill said that he had Cornhole Boards, and he would work to find at least three more sets. Mike Dreznes reminded the Board that he would not be in town for the “More Than A Golf Outing” and suggested that some non-golfers be solicited to coordinate the Bags Tournament.

A proposal was made to charge \$75 for dinner and entry into the Bags Tournament. The Golf Committee will decide how the Bags Tournament will be organized with payouts, etc. It was suggested that the teams be randomly selected for the Bags Tournament to ensure a competitive tournament and to enhance the social aspect of the Outing.

Mike Dreznes offered to work with John Dreznes to develop a new flyer for the event and to get it posted on the website. **(UPDATE: THE FOLLOWING PAGES WERE DEVELOPED FOR THE WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, MAILINGS AND FOR POSTINGS IN FAVORITE BARS, RESTAURANTS, ETC. CONTACT MIKE DREZNES TO GET COPIES OF THE FLYERS SENT TO YOU)**

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
First
“MORE THAN JUST A GOLF OUTING”
WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2024

Hickory Hills Golf Course
8201 W 95th St
Hickory Hills IL

8:00 AM CHECK IN
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

GOLF OUTING PLUS

THE FIRST MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION “BAGS” TOURNAMENT

12:30 PM First Toss

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
First

“MORE THAN JUST A GOLF OUTING”

This “More than Just a Golf Outing” is an opportunity for Mendel Alumni, Family and Friends to gather to keep the Spirit of Mendel alive.. A portion of the proceeds will be used to support Retired Augustinians, the Mendel Legacy Award Program, the Mendel Hall of Fame and the Mendel Website.

ENTRY PACKAGES

- GOLF & DINNER \$155***
- BAGS & DINNER \$ 75**
- DINNER ONLY \$ 55**
- HOLE SPONSOR \$125**
- Includes Green Fees & Golf Cart
- ** Dinner Includes Open Bar

9:00 AM Golf Shotgun Start - 12:30 PM Bags Tournament
2:30 PM Cocktails & Dinner

Pay & Register on line at [Golf Outing | Mendel C.H.S. \(mendelchs.org\)](http://Golf Outing | Mendel C.H.S. (mendelchs.org)) or Fill out the form below and mail it by July 6, 2024 to Pat Regan 1 s 510 Bayberry Lane Wheaton, IL

NAME: _____ CLASS OF: _____ PLEASE ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL DONATION OF \$ _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

GOLF & DINNER \$155 **BAGS & DINNER \$ 75** **DINNER ONLY \$55**

HOLE SPONSOR \$125 E-Mail Sign Wording to Bill Johnson at bjmjtaz@att.net no later than June 29, 2024

NAMES OF ADDITIONAL GOLFERS IN YOUR FOURSOME

Invite your family and friends to attend with you.
Don't Have a Golf Foursome? We will fill it in for you.
Bags Tournament Teams will be randomly drawn

GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!

The Golf Committee has a ZOOM Meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 5, and the “More Than Just A Golf Outing” Concept will be discussed. All Board Members were encouraged to attend the Golf Committee Meeting.

It was suggested that the Committee consider “Bocce Golf” as an addendum to the “More Than Just A Golf Outing.” The goal is to get more participation from everyone, including non-golfers. This will be investigated further by the Golf Committee.

Everyone was reminded to use Bob Aprati's name as the Corporate Sponsor on all "More Than Just A Golf Outing" publicity items.

MORE THAN JUST A



Chairman's Report-Legacy Award Committee-Eric Rouse

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Eric Rouse, Craig Larson, David Milton, John Wilson, Dennis Heitzmann, Don Triveline, Pat Regan, Andy Youpel, Tom Gavin, Ron Smith, Kelvin Lovely, Bill Kushner, Bob Fioretti, Danny Randall, John Franklin, and Mike Dreznes.

Eric Rouse was not on the call. Mike Dreznes presented an update on the 2024 Legacy Awards.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Legacy

Program



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

| 2024 MENDEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEGACY AWARD WINNERS | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------|
| NAME | LEGACY 1 | LEGACY 2 | HIGH SCHOOL | COLLEGE | AWARD |
| MITCHELL VOLTZ | RICH VOLTZ ('68) | DAN REDICAN (65) DECEASED | PROVIDENCE | UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON | \$1,000 |
| ANGELA HERSAM | LARRY HERSAM ('67) | NICK MEYERS (57) DECEASED | NEW TRIER | INDIANA UNIVERSITY | \$700 |
| EMILY GIAVERY | WILLIAM REYNOLDS ('59) | | STAGG | UNIVERSITY OF IOWA | \$700 |
| MICHAEL SCZUREK | DON LAROCHE ('64) | | SANDBURG | INDIANA UNIVERSITY | \$700 |
| REAGAN LORENZEN | JACK STONER ('68) | | WESTFIELD | ROSE HULMAN INSTITUTE | \$700 |
| DEVAN REYNOLDS | GEORGE REYNOLDS ('64) DECEASED | | PROVIDENCE | MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY | \$600 |
| ZACK SCHWARZ | CHARLES SCHWARZ (58) DECEASED | | PROVIDENCE | COASTAL CAROLINA | \$600 |
| KALEIGH SCHWARZ | CHARLES SCHWARZ (58) DECEASED | | PROVIDENCE | UNDECIDED | \$500 |
| LIAM NOLAN | TERRANCE NOLAN ('66) DECEASED | | ST. RITA | MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY | \$500 |
| | | | | | \$6,000 |

All Legacy Awards have been presented to the winners. Shown below is a photo from the presentation at Providence High School, which was attended by Tom Gavin, Andy Youpel and Mike Dreznes. A photo also is shown of the presentation to Reagan Lorenzen at Westfield High School in Westfield, Indiana.

**MENDEL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES 2024 LEGACY AWARD WINNERS**

The Mendel High School Alumni Association presented the 2024 Mendel Legacy Awards to nine descendants of Mendel Men from six difference high schools. You can read about the Legacy Award Program and the 2024 Legacy Award Recipients here: <https://mendelchs.org/blog/2024/05/21/mendel-alumni-association-2024-legacy-award-winners-announced/>

Congratulations to all of the 2024 Legacy Award Winners and their Monarch Grandfathers!



A "Sneak Peek" of the 2025 Legacy Award Announcement and Application, with proposed changes noted, were presented for comment & discussion. This will be discussed further by the Legacy Award Committee.

Mendel High School Alumni Association
Legacy Essay Academic Award
Open to Immediate Descendants of
Mendel Catholic High School Alumni



2025 REQUIREMENTS

- Child, Grandchild or Great Grandchild of Mendel Alumni
- Current High School Senior – 2025 Graduation Class
- Minimum ACT Score-21 or 1100-SAT Score
- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- Proof of Acceptance to a 2 or 4 Year, Institution of Higher Education (College, University or Trade School)
- Proof of Community/School Involvement
- Current Headshot Photo
- Written Essay Topic:
- ***In 300 Words or Less, Other Than a Family Member, Who is The One Individual That You Admire the Most. Explain Why"***

"Remember That Goals Without Plans Are Just wishes"

**Mendel Alumni Association
Legacy Academic Award
Application**

Please print legibly: _____ Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

High School: _____

Name of Related Mendel Alumnus: _____

Mendel Class Year _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

ACT or SAT Score _____ Grade Point Average _____

School You Will Attend in Fall 2025 _____

Required Documentation with Submission:

- Copy of SAT or ACT Score
- Proof of 2.8 GPA
- Copy of College or Trade School Acceptance Letter
- Proof of Mendel Alumni Legacy
- Current Headshot Photo
- ***Essay in 300 Words or Less, Other Than a Family Member, Who is The One Individual That You Admire the Most. Explain Why"***

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION & ESSAY SUBMITTAL MARCH 15, 2025

I verify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Eric Rouse and Craig Larson were thanked for their excellent, professional management of the 2024 Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Award Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Chaplain for Mendel Board of Directors-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel proposed that an Augustinian priest or brother be recruited to be the Mendel Alumni Association Chaplain. The Chaplain would be invited to attend all appropriate Mendel Alumni Association events. The Chaplain would lead prayers at meetings and events as asked. The Chaplain would be paid a \$50 stipend for every event he attends as Chaplain. The Board agreed that it was a good concept. Andy Youpel offered to discuss the next steps with Tom McCarthy. The Executive Board will make the final decision before the next Board Meeting regarding the Chaplain.

Board of Directors Rotation on July 31, 2024 – Kelvin Lovely

Kelvin Lovely reminded the Board that Board Member terms were three years. Every year, eight of the twenty-four Directors must be renewed or replaced.

The following Directors' terms will end on July 31, 2024. Note that the terms for Don Triveline and Durrell James were less than three years because they were appointed to replace a Director who resigned or was terminated before that Director's term had expired.



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ROTATION

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Andy Youpel | 8/1/23-7/31/24 |
| Bob Fioretti | 8/1/21-7/31/24 |
| David Ireland | 8/1/21-7/31/24 |
| John Fanning | 8/1/21-7/31/24 |
| Don Triveline | 8/1/21-7/31/24 |
| Durrell James | 8/1/21-7/31/24 |
| John Franklin | 8/1/21-7/31/24 |
| Rick Zarr | 8/1/23-7/31/24 |

Kelvin Lovely noted that all these Directors are in good standing with the Board based on the concept of "Play or Pay," and they would be asked to serve for an additional three-year term from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2027.

Durrell James expressed his verbal desire to serve for an additional three years.

Mike Dreznes was asked to contact the other seven Directors to see if they want to serve for an additional term. A final decision on the Directors' Rotation will be announced by the next Board Meeting.

Craig Larson asked if twenty-four Directors is too large a number for the Alumni Board. It was explained that the higher number of Directors was initiated two years ago to increase the opportunity for more recent Alumni to participate on the Board. A quorum is not required at the Board Meetings. Mike Dreznes noted that the number of Directors seems to be working well, and it is increasing the level of participation.

Campaign to Induct Coach Joe Magee into the Catholic League HOF - Tom Gavin

Mike Dreznes noted it was a travesty that Coach Joe Magee was not in the Catholic League Hall of Fame.

Campaign to Induct Joe Magee Into Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame



Tom Gavin explained that many years ago there were some accusations made by Catholic League Hall of Fame officials regarding Coach Magee and his staff. Coach Magee took offense to the accusations and refused to accept the Catholic League's offer to induct him into their Hall of Fame while he was alive.

Coach Magee's wife Maureen has honored his wishes since his death. However, Tom Gavin said she may reconsider allowing Coach Magee's players and other Monarchs to join in a celebration if he is inducted into the 2025 HOF Class. She may consider using the occasion to present the ball used in the 6-0 Prep Bowl Victory over Calumet High School in 1957 to allow it to be displayed in Mendel Hall at St. Rita High School.

Tom Gavin will take Maureen to St. Rita to see Mendel Hall, and to see where the ball would be displayed. If she agrees to allow Coach Magee's induction in April of 2025, an application will be submitted, and all Monarchs will be invited to make the induction an incredibly special night in Mendel Lore.

Tom Gavin will present an update at the next Board meeting.

Mendel HOF Committee Update – J.C. Crane

J.C Crane was not able to attend the meeting. However, the HOF Committee did submit the following summary for discussion:



The HOF Committee wants to let as many Alumni as possible know about the Mendel Hall of Fame and the process for nomination. An email will be going out to all those on the master list with an email address. We will ask the Alumni board to do a posting on the website.

It will refer them to the Mendel website and the Hall of Fame section that has a downloadable application and instructions. Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application.

The deadline of Dec 31, 2024 for the submittal of fully completed applications will be strictly enforced. Applications can be submitted by email to mendelhof@gmail.com with a cc to jc_crane@msn.com or mailed to the address on the form and instructions. Phone numbers are also provided for any questions.

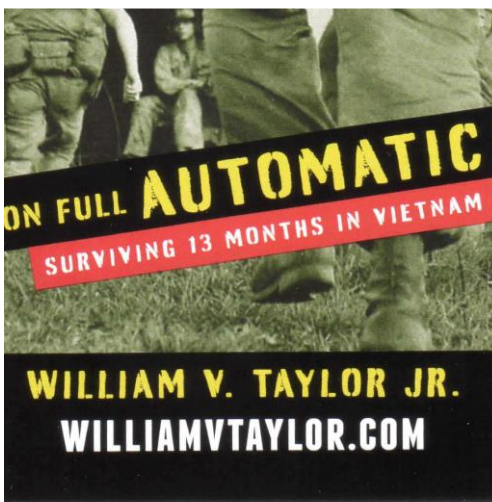
The induction ceremony is planned for May 2025 at St Rita.

Anny Questions?

All Board of Directors were encouraged to submit applications for the Mendel HOF Class of 2025.

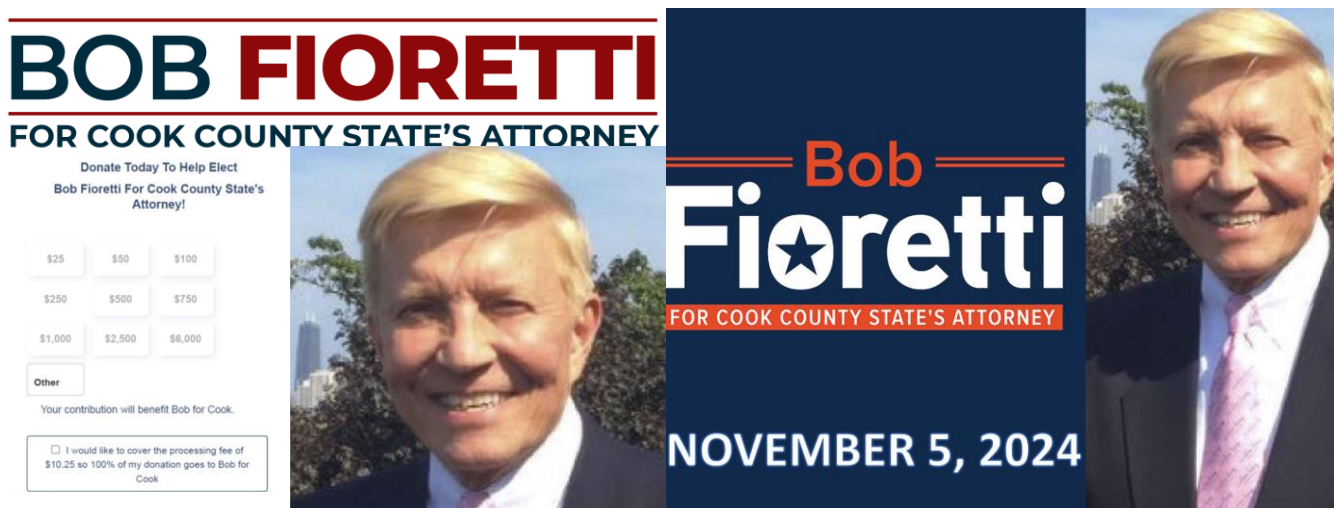
William Taylor Jr. ('66) Presentation at History Speaks Series – Rick Zarr

Rick Zarr reported that Bill Taylor ('66) was asked to present his book, "On Full Automatic-Surviving 13 Months in Vietnam" at the Northwest Indiana Civil War Roundtable "History Speaks" Series at the Buckley Homestead in Lowell Indiana on June 15, 2024, from 10 AM to 4 PM. All Monarchs were encouraged to attend. Contact Rick Zarr for additional details.



Bob Fioretti ('71) Running for Cook County States Attorney

Bob Fioretti is running for Cook County States Attorney. The Election is in November 2024. The Board of Directors wanted all Monarchs to be aware of Bob Fioretti's Campaign without prejudicing their voting decisions.

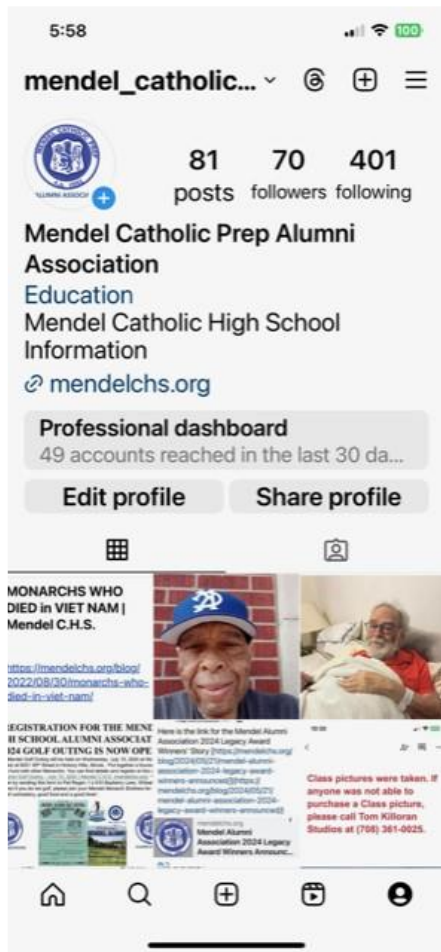


The image shows two pieces of campaign material for Bob Fioretti. On the left is a donation form titled "BOB FIORETTI FOR COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY". It includes a "Donate Today To Help Elect Bob Fioretti For Cook County State's Attorney!" section with buttons for \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1,000, \$2,500, and \$6,000, plus an "Other" field. Below the form is a photo of Bob Fioretti and a checkbox for covering a \$10.25 processing fee. On the right is a campaign sign that says "Bob Fioretti FOR COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY" and "NOVEMBER 5, 2024", also featuring a photo of Bob Fioretti.

Mendel Alumni Association Instagram Account

John Mikenis announced that the Mendel Alumni Association has an active Instagram account. He encouraged all Monarchs to register an actively participate at this site:

https://www.instagram.com/mendel_catholic_high_school/



Mendel Alumni Association on



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Mendel Alumni Search Results

Mike Dreznes emphasized the need to locate contact details, especially email addresses for missing Alumni. All Board Members were asked to review the contact details for themselves, as well as friends, family, and other Classmates. A document showing the effectiveness of the Board's efforts to locate missing Alumni was presented.

| MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/20/2023 | | | | | | MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/4/2024 | | | | | |
|--|-------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|---|-------|----------|--------|-------|--------|
| CLASS | NAMES | DECEASED | LIVING | EMAIL ADDRESSES | % | CLASS | NAMES | DECEASED | LIVING | EMAIL | % |
| 1955 | 293 | 74 | 219 | 31 | 14.19% | 1955 | 289 | 167 | 122 | 63 | 51.64% |
| 1956 | 274 | 83 | 191 | 28 | 14.66% | 1956 | 275 | 140 | 135 | 60 | 44.44% |
| 1957 | 250 | 51 | 199 | 27 | 13.57% | 1957 | 251 | 120 | 131 | 55 | 41.08% |
| 1958 | 325 | 49 | 276 | 54 | 19.57% | 1958 | 324 | 117 | 207 | 102 | 49.28% |
| 1959 | 377 | 52 | 325 | 71 | 21.85% | 1959 | 376 | 131 | 245 | 122 | 49.80% |
| 1960 | 413 | 67 | 346 | 53 | 15.32% | 1960 | 409 | 191 | 218 | 129 | 59.17% |
| 1961 | 366 | 55 | 311 | 59 | 18.99% | 1961 | 365 | 124 | 241 | 132 | 54.77% |
| 1962 | 318 | 121 | 197 | 140 | 71.07% | 1962 | 323 | 131 | 192 | 160 | 83.33% |
| 1963 | 376 | 57 | 319 | 60 | 18.81% | 1963 | 374 | 131 | 243 | 136 | 55.97% |
| 1964 | 440 | 45 | 395 | 80 | 20.25% | 1964 | 436 | 127 | 309 | 213 | 68.93% |
| 1965 | 488 | 62 | 426 | 55 | 12.91% | 1965 | 478 | 157 | 321 | 217 | 67.60% |
| 1966 | 487 | 59 | 428 | 83 | 19.43% | 1966 | 487 | 158 | 329 | 242 | 73.56% |
| 1967 | 389 | 32 | 357 | 70 | 19.61% | 1967 | 387 | 97 | 290 | 197 | 67.93% |
| 1968 | 354 | 70 | 284 | 192 | 67.61% | 1968 | 354 | 85 | 269 | 222 | 82.53% |
| 1969 | 362 | 39 | 323 | 79 | 24.46% | 1969 | 362 | 74 | 288 | 211 | 73.26% |
| 1970 | 294 | 18 | 276 | 63 | 22.81% | 1970 | 294 | 56 | 238 | 163 | 68.49% |
| 1971 | 327 | 30 | 297 | 98 | 33.00% | 1971 | 326 | 43 | 283 | 149 | 52.65% |
| 1972 | 264 | 25 | 239 | 72 | 30.11% | 1972 | 262 | 33 | 229 | 100 | 43.67% |
| 1973 | 258 | 23 | 235 | 110 | 46.81% | 1973 | 256 | 44 | 212 | 175 | 82.55% |
| 1974 | 229 | 16 | 213 | 32 | 15.02% | 1974 | 227 | 44 | 183 | 137 | 74.86% |
| 1975 | 168 | 12 | 156 | 45 | 28.85% | 1975 | 168 | 21 | 147 | 65 | 44.22% |
| 1976 | 140 | 5 | 135 | 23 | 16.99% | 1976 | 140 | 9 | 131 | 49 | 37.40% |
| 1977 | 75 | 5 | 70 | 20 | 28.57% | 1977 | 76 | 8 | 68 | 32 | 47.06% |
| 1978 | 136 | 9 | 127 | 36 | 28.35% | 1978 | 136 | 10 | 126 | 67 | 53.17% |
| 1979 | 176 | 13 | 163 | 33 | 20.25% | 1979 | 176 | 28 | 148 | 55 | 37.16% |
| 1980 | 111 | 7 | 104 | 17 | 16.35% | 1980 | 111 | 15 | 96 | 57 | 59.38% |
| 1981 | 116 | 7 | 109 | 21 | 19.29% | 1981 | 115 | 15 | 100 | 55 | 55.00% |
| 1982 | 96 | 3 | 93 | 21 | 22.58% | 1982 | 96 | 7 | 89 | 47 | 52.81% |
| 1983 | 120 | 4 | 116 | 12 | 10.34% | 1983 | 120 | 7 | 113 | 61 | 53.98% |
| 1984 | 141 | 2 | 139 | 24 | 17.17% | 1984 | 142 | 10 | 132 | 84 | 63.64% |
| 1985 | 135 | 5 | 130 | 22 | 16.92% | 1985 | 134 | 14 | 120 | 76 | 63.33% |
| 1986 | 128 | 4 | 124 | 71 | 57.29% | 1986 | 128 | 18 | 110 | 54 | 49.19% |
| 1987 | 137 | 4 | 133 | 30 | 22.56% | 1987 | 138 | 7 | 131 | 83 | 63.36% |
| 1988 | 99 | 2 | 97 | 16 | 16.49% | 1988 | 99 | 11 | 88 | 53 | 60.23% |
| 1989 MDP | 111 | 3 | 108 | 2 | 1.85% | 1989 MDP | 112 | 4 | 108 | 3 | 2.78% |
| 1990 MDP | 88 | 0 | 88 | 1 | 1.14% | 1990 MDP | 88 | 0 | 88 | 4 | 4.55% |
| 1991 MDP | 90 | 1 | 89 | 0 | 0.00% | 1991 MDP | 90 | 1 | 89 | 0 | 0.00% |
| UNK CLASS | 61 | 1 | 60 | 13 | 21.67% | UNK CLASS | 60 | 5 | 55 | 16 | 29.09% |
| ALUMNI | 9012 | 1115 | 7897 | 1814 | 22.97% | ALUMNI | 8984 | 2360 | 6624 | 3846 | 58.06% |
| TEACHER | 23 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 40.00% | TEACHER | 47 | 28 | 19 | 11 | 57.89% |
| TOTAL | 9035 | 1123 | 7912 | 1820 | 23.00% | TOTAL | 9031 | 2388 | 6643 | 3857 | 58.06% |

SINCE
START OF
CAMPAIGN

1265

More

Deceased

2037

More

E-mails

According to the report, the efforts by Rich Williams, Ron Dubin and Mike Dreznes in the past twelve months have discovered 1,265 more Deceased Monarchs, and 2,037 additional email addresses. When the project started, we had emails for 1,820, or about 23% of the living Alumni. The initial goal in June of 2023 was to locate email addresses for 50% of the living Alumni. This month that goal was increased to 65%. Currently we have email addresses for 3,846, or about 53% of the living Mendel Alumni.

NEXT MEETING

The next BOD ZOOM meeting will be held on Tuesday August 13, 2024, at 7 PM Chicago time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.