



Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

August 13, 2024

MINUTES

President Tom Gavin Called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 PM

David Ireland, Don Triveline, Durell Jame. John Franklin, Rev Tom Griffin O.S.A., Rick Zarr. Mark Hubbard, Mike Frigo. Art Gillespie, Craig Larson. David Milton, Billy Hilbring, Bob Lopez, Dennis Heitzmann, Terry Gainer, Derek Lott, John Wilson, J.C. Crane, Bill Duffy, Kelvin Lovely, Tom Gavin, and Mike Dreznes were present. Bill Johnson, and Andy Youpel attended the meeting as guests. This was an excellent turnout for the meeting.

Pat Regan, Bob Fioretti, and Ron Dubin notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting prior to the meeting.

John Fanning (6th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), Eric Rouse, and Gene Rouse were Missing With No Explanation.

Opening Prayer

Fr. Tom Griffin, O.S.A. opened the meeting with a prayer used at Mendel asking for a productive meeting and God's blessings.

Minutes from June 4, 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.

Don Triveline made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bill Duffy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BOD Rotation and Introduction & Approval of Mark Hubbard, Fr. Tom Griffin, O.S.A., Mike Frigo and Art Gillespie Introduction & Approval to Replace Mike Foley, John Knoebel, Andy Youpel and Bill Kushner

The following Directors' Terms expired on July 31, 2024: Andy Youpel, Bob Fioretti, David Ireland, John Fanning, Don Triveline, Durell James, John Franklin, and Rick Zarr. These eight Directors were invited to extend their terms from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2027. All Directors, except Andy Youpel accepted the extension offer.

John Knoebel resigned from the Board in July 2024 and Mike Foley passed away in July 2024. The Board never replaced Bill Kushner when he resigned in April 2024. Due to Andy Youpel's resignation, the Board had four open seats.


John, Mike, Andy, and Bill were thanked for their service to the Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Andy Youpel suggested that the Board send a note to Donna Foley telling her how important her husband Mike was to the Mendel Alumni Association. Mike Dreznes agreed to send this letter, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board Nominating Committee recommended these replacement candidates: Mark Hubbard ('84), Mike Frigo ('73), Fr. Tom Griffin ('72) and Art Gillespie ('84) subject to Board Approval.

The candidates were introduced to the Board. The Board reviewed their applications.

 MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Mark Steven Hubbard

CLASS YEAR AT MENDEL 84

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WORK EXPERIENCE CEO - Next Showcase USA

DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER? IF SO, WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE?
15 years as a governor of the Midwest chapter of the recording academy
(The Grammys) served as president for 2 years 2017 -2019

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU BRING TO THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
Organizational, Leadership, and Business skills.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
To help continue the legacy of Mendel Monarchs.



NAME: Mike Frigo
YEAR OF GRADUATION: 1973
HOME ADDRESS: 125 N. Braumard St.
Naperville, IL 60540
PHONE: 630 430-2838
E-MAIL: mfrigo55@gmail.com



WORK EXPERIENCE: I have been a CPA and have worked in public accounting for 17 years. I also managed a nonprofit, Mayslake Village, for 30 years.
DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER? IF SO, WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE?

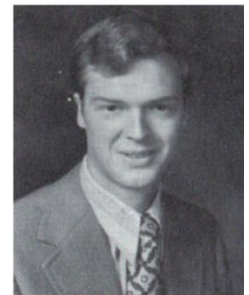
Chairperson of Christian Bros. Risk Pooling Trust that provides property, casualty and auto insurance for approximately 1,200 Catholic sponsored organizations in the United States

Past president of DePaul University's College of Commerce Alumni Board
WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU BRING TO THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I have many years of management and financial experience. Additionally, I have organized many large events.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

My four years at Mendel were very happy and productive ones. Not having any brothers in my family, the male bonding that I had at Mendel at such a youthful age, assisted me to become the husband, father, and grandfather that I am today. If I could give back in a small way, it would be a great honor.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME REV. THOMAS GRIFFIN, O.S.A.

CLASS YEAR AT MENDEL 1972

HOME ADDRESS 203 W. FRANCISCAN DR.
CROWN POINT, IN 46307

PHONE 773 307 4719 CALLS & TEXT

E-MAIL TAMGRIFF@SBCGLOBAL.NET

WORK EXPERIENCE PRIEST DUTIES: O.S.A. FOR 47 YEARS BROTHER
TOM FOR 5 YEARS, DEACON TOM FOR 1 YEAR & FR TOM FOR 41 YEARS

DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER? IF SO, WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE?
NO

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU BRING TO THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
WILL BE YOUR O.S.A. REP & CONNECTION BOARD
& ALUMNI ASSOC. CHAPLAIN

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
LOVED MENDEL SINCE 4TH GRADE
NO OTHER MENDEL AUGUSTINIAN AVAILABLE, IT'S ME OR NOBODY!
WANT TO SEE US LAST AS A MEANINGFUL ENTITY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE!



 MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Arthur Gillespie

CLASS YEAR AT MENDEL Graduating Class of 1984

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Chicago, IL 60643

PHONE 773-592-3748

E-MAIL bikmrin1@yahoo.com

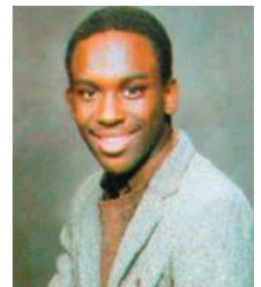
WORK EXPERIENCE Currently employed sixteen years with the University of Chicago
Police Department with the current rank of Captain.

DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE AS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER? IF SO, WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE?
No prior Board of Director experience.

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU BRING TO THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
I hope to bring perspective and energy that will be useful in assisting the
Board of Directors in continuing to advance their agenda successfully.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

My experience at Mendel for four years, in addition to the three decades since graduation, allowed me to not only receive a great education, but to also develop and maintain life-long friendships. Having a deep appreciation for my connection to the Mendel family & tradition, I would feel honored to be a part of working to promote & maintain its legacy.



Kelvin Lovely made the motion to accept Mark Hubbard ('84), Mike Frigo ('73), Fr. Tom Griffin ('72) and Art Gillespie ('84) as new Board Members, and to accept John Mikenis ('73) as the Vice-President to replace Andy Youpel, as well as to have Fr. Tom Griffin serve as the Mendel Alumni Association chaplain. . Dennis Heitzmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark, Mike, Fr. Tom, and Art were welcomed on the Board, and John Mikenis ('73) and Fr. Tom Griffin ('72) were thanked for accepting the Vice-President and Chaplain roles, respectively. Fr. Tom Griffin will receive a \$50 stipend for every Board Meeting as well as other activities as requested by the Executive Board.

Here is the roster of the Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors as of August 13, 2024.

BOD	Bob Fioretti	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	David Ireland	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	John Fanning	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	Don Trivelino	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	Durell James	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	John Franklin	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	Rev Tom Griffin O.S.A.	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	Rick Zarr	8/1/24-7/31/27
BOD	Mark Hubbard	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Eric Rouse	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Gene Rouse	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Mike Frigo	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Ron Dubin	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Art Gillespie	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Craig Larson	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	David Milton	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Billy Hilbring	8/1/22-7/31/25
BOD	Bob Lopez	8/1/22-7/31/25
BOD	Dennis Heitzmann	8/1/22-7/31/25
BOD	Terry Gainer	8/1/23-7/31/25
BOD	Derek Lott	8/1/22-7/31/25
BOD	John Wilson	8/1/22-7/31/25
BOD	J.C. Crane	8/1/22-7/31/25
BOD	Bill Duffy	8/1/22-7/31/25
CHAIRMAN	BOD Kelvin Lovely	8/1/22-7/31/25
PRESIDENT	BOD Tom Gavin	8/1/22-7/31/25
VICE PRESIDENT	BOD John Mikenis	8/1/23-7/31/26
TREASURER	BOD Pat Regan	8/1/22-7/31/25
SECRETARY	BOD Mike Dreznes	8/1/22-7/31/25

August 13, 2024



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Pat Regan

Pat Regan was not able to attend the meeting due to personal reasons. Mike Dreznes presented the Financial Report as of August 13, 2024, on Pat's behalf.

Mike showed two attachments. The first attachment showed the YTD Activity. Our Bank Cash Balance stands at just over \$40,397. Our Projected Running Cash Balance is \$35,869 compared to \$23,525 on 5/31/2024.

These are the significant items since our last meeting:

1. All Class Picnic on 6/29/2024. We secured \$875 in Donation Gift receipts from: T-Shirts (6- \$90), Hats (14- \$375), Polo Shirts (9- \$320), Decals (4- \$20) Glasses (9- \$150). We donated \$500 for the Picnic.
2. The Alumni Golf Outing on 7/10/2024- see attached Golf Outing Model. Total Revenues of \$23,975, Net Results of \$12,466. Best results in many years. Total Golfers- 93, Dinner only- 9 and Bags/Dinner-3



August 13, 2024

As of 8/9/2024		Golf Outing Model		Est Final	Pro Forma	2023	
		\$	#	In Person	\$	#	
Golf/Dinner:							
Attendance Paid To Date		14,315.00	93		14,821.00	99	
Attendance Unpaid To Date		310.00	2				
Total		14,625.00	95			99	
Dinner Only		495.00	9		350.00	7	
Bags & Dinner		225.00	3				
Total		15,345.00	107	15,345.00	15,171.00		
Other Revenue (Paid & Unpaid):							
Hole Sponsorships		2,875.00			2,800.00		
Donations (\$1k form Golf Fees in 2023)		1,375.00			2,380.00		7 Donated \$1k in golf fees in 2023
Split the pot		915.00		915.00	710.00		
Silent Auction		410.00		410.00			
Raffle		465.00		465.00	895.00		
Photos		485.00		485.00			
Contests		605.00		605.00			
Golf Refunds in 2023 \$150/ea.		-		-	(2,900.00)	20	
Golf Outing Sponsor (Golf Carts)		1,500.00		1,500.00	-		
Total Other Revenue		8,630.00		4,380.00	3,885.00		
Total Revenue		23,975.00		19,725.00	19,056.00		
Costs & Expenses:							
Paid Variable Costs- CC Fess		340.30		340.30			
Unpaid Variable CC Fees Est		80.00		80.00			
Paid Fixed Costs		1,262.60		1,262.60	4,037.19		\$2,182 for Totes in 2023
Supplies		129.85					
Paid Tips		200.00		200.00			
Unpaid Other Fixed Costs		300.00		300.00			
Cost to Hickory Hills 93 in 2024, 71 in 2023		9,196.00	(b)	9,196.00	6,100.00		Cost for 6 Golfers in 2023 deferred to 2024
Total Projected Costs & Expenses		11,508.75		11,378.90	10,137.19		
Net		12,466.25		8,346.10	8,918.81		
					(900.00)		Golf Fees deferred to 2024
				Per Person	8,018.81		
Actual Bills from HH CC	Golf	93.00	6,510.00	70.00			
Net of \$1,000 Deposit in 2023	Dinner	97.00	2,686.00	27.69			
(a) Based on same rate per person in 2023		(b)	9,196.00	97.69			

Pat Regan also reported that:

* We paid the 2nd D&O insurance installment of \$260.

* We made a \$1,000 disbursement for the Gregor Mendel Science Award program. These funds will be given to 2 incoming St. Rita Seniors (\$500/each) as a credit to their tuition. This is an annual event that was founded when we created the Gregor Mendel Science and Technology Hall at St. Rita in January 2024.

John Mikenis made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

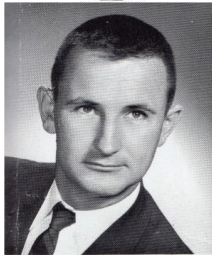
Coach Joe Magee Induction Into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame

Tom Gavin explained that many years ago Coach Magee refused to accept the Catholic League's offer to induct him into their Hall of Fame while he was alive.

Tom Gavin reported that he spoke to Coach Magee's widow, Maureen, and she has agreed to allow Coach Joe Magee to be inducted into the Catholic League Hall of Fame. Tom will prepare the application that has to be submitted by February 15, 2025.

When Coach Magee is inducted into the 2025 HOF Class Maureen will use 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.

Getting Coach Magee into the Catholic League Hall of Fame



All Monarchs, especially Monarchs who played for Coach Magee will be invited to make the induction dinner an incredibly special night in Mendel Lore. We need to fill a great number of tables at the induction.

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

Mike Dreznes asked Board Members to send him nominations for other Monarchs to be inducted into the Catholic League HOF to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

(UPDATE; SEE LIST OF CURRENT MONARCHS IN CCLHOF (BELOW) WHO'S MISSING?)



MENDEL MEN IN CATHOLIC LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

8/14/2024

NAME	CLASS YEAR	CATEGORY	INDUCTION	PHONE	EMAIL	MENDEL HOF
Adams, Ed	N/A	Coach Track & Field	1989	UNKNOWN	lleotrack@aol.com	YES
Banks, Andre	1982	Athlete Basketball	2004	UNKNOWN	andrew.banks@gmail.com	NO
Bohan, Eddie	1958	Athlete Football	2014	(630) 779-4078	BROBOHAN@yahoo.com	YES
Burke, Ed	1959	Athlete Football	2005	(707) 937-1293	edburke@mcn.org	YES
Callahan, Bill	1974	Athlete/Coach Football	2022		callahan.william@gmail.com	YES
Campbell, Tracy	1972	Athlete Football	2014	(404) 798-8034	campbell-tracy@comcast.net	YES
Chambers, Rodney	1986	Athlete/Coach Track & Field/Cross Country	2016	(708) 828-9676	rodchambers@sbcglobal.net	YES
Curtin, Mike	N/A	Coach/ Administrator Basketball	1995	(630) 334-3594	micurtin6190@gmail.com	YES
Daniel, Tony	1987	Athlete Track & Field/Cross Country	2024	(217) 638-2987	tdaniel@sps186.org	NO
Farrell, Joe	1960	Athlete Football	1998	DECEASED		YES
Flaherty, Mike	N/A	Coach Basketball	2000	(312) 502-4567	sydmike2009@gmail.com	YES
Gavin, Rev. Jack, O.S.A.	N/A	Coach/Clergy	UK	DECEASED		YES
Goberville, Tom	1960	Athlete Football	2017	(954) 942-9868	thomasgmd93@aol.com	YES
Guida, Lou	N/A	Coach Football	UK	DECEASED		YES
Hampton, Mike	1982	Athlete Basketball	2023	(651) 587-2481	michaeldhampton1982@gmail.	YES
Hogan, Mike	1966	Athlete Football	2015	DECEASED		NO
Knoebel, John	1975	Athlete Football/Baseball/Wrestling	2024	(312) 685-5353	jknoebel53@msn.com	YES
Manderino, Mike	1970	Athlete/ Coach Basketball	1996	(708) 705 5511	coachmanderino@gmail.com	YES
O'Hare, Mark	1972	Athlete Football/Wrestling	2023	(949) 713-3685	msohare@cox.net	YES
Reilly, Ben	N/A	Coach Basketball	1986	DECEASED		YES
Rouse, Eric	1975	Athlete Football	2004	(480) 607-0093	ROUSE.ERIC.V@GMAIL.COM	YES
Sabal, Al	1956	Athlete Football	2011	DECEASED		YES
Sheahan, Mike	1961	Athlete/Coach/ Official	1995	(312) 217-8161	nsheahan6@aol.com	YES
Richard Stelmaszek	1967	Athlete/Coach Baseball	2018	DECEASED		YES
Triplett, Tyron	N/A	Athlete St. Martin de Porres	2020	UNKNOWN		N/A
Windauer, Bill	1968	Athlete Football/Wrestling	2020	(319) 530-3344	windauer65@mchsi.com	YES
Woulfe, Mike	1958	Athlete/Coach Football	2003	DECEASED		YES
Young, Ernie	1987	Athlete/ Coach	2010	(602) 790-5047	ernestyong3@hotmail.com	YES

Chairman's Report-Golf Committee-Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson thanked everyone for their efforts to make the 2024 Golf Outing a success. He especially thanked Rich Williams, Pat Regan, the Lovely Sisters, and John Knoebel.

Bill suggested we start planning now for the 2026 Golf Outing. We need more volunteers. A couple of Board Members suggested that we continue to include the "Bags" and/or "Las Vegas Night" option as a component of the "More Than Just A Golf Outing." With enough advanced publicity, having an option other than golf should encourage additional attendance.

Bill encouraged everyone to wear their Mendel shirts and hats and to promote the 2025 Golf Outing to everyone they meet! Craig Larson suggested that Mendel create a lapel pin to increase exposure.

The Board thanked Bill Johnson for his excellent job with the 2024 Golf Outing.



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.

Locating Missing Mendel Alumni Search Results

Mike Dreznes emphasized the need to locate contact details, especially email addresses for missing Alumni. All Board Members were again asked to review the contact details for themselves, as well as friends, family, and other Classmates in the Master Roster

Mike thanked Rich Williams and Ron Dubin and Derek Lott for their efforts to find missing Alumni.

A document showing the effectiveness of the Board's efforts to locate missing Alumni was presented.

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/20/2023

CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%
1955	293	74	219	31	14.16%
1956	274	83	191	28	14.66%
1957	250	51	199	27	13.57%
1958	325	49	276	54	19.57%
1959	377	52	325	71	21.85%
1960	413	67	346	53	15.32%
1961	366	55	311	59	18.97%
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	12.91%
1966	487	59	428	83	19.39%
1967	389	32	357	70	19.61%
1968	354	70	284	192	67.61%
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	46.81%
1974	229	16	213	32	15.02%
1975	168	12	156	45	28.85%
1976	140	5	135	23	17.04%
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	16.94%
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%

YEAR	NAME	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL	%	8/10/24
1955	288	168	120	60	50.00%	
1956	275	140	135	60	44.44%	
1957	252	120	132	55	41.67%	
1958	322	147	175	97	55.43%	
1959	396	152	244	114	46.72%	
1960	409	193	216	127	58.80%	
1961	365	125	240	132	55.00%	
1962	323	134	189	158	83.60%	
1963	374	133	241	134	55.60%	
1964	436	127	309	212	68.61%	
1965	478	156	322	215	66.77%	
1966	487	159	328	241	73.48%	
1967	387	98	289	197	68.17%	
1968	354	86	268	219	81.72%	
1969	362	74	288	209	72.57%	
1970	294	56	238	160	67.23%	
1971	326	45	281	147	52.31%	
1972	262	32	230	99	43.04%	
1973	256	45	211	178	84.36%	
1974	227	44	183	140	76.50%	
1975	168	21	147	65	44.22%	
1976	140	9	131	49	37.40%	
1977	76	8	68	32	47.06%	
1978	136	10	126	67	53.17%	
1979	176	28	148	52	35.14%	
1980	111	15	96	57	59.38%	
1981	115	15	100	55	55.00%	
1982	96	7	89	46	51.69%	
1983	120	7	113	63	55.75%	
1984	142	10	132	83	62.88%	
1985	134	14	120	76	63.33%	
1986	128	18	110	64	58.18%	
1987	138	7	131	83	63.36%	
1988	99	10	89	53	59.55%	
1989	112	4	108	3	2.78%	
1990	88	0	88	4	4.55%	
1991	90	1	89	0	0.00%	
UNK CLASS	61	5	56	17	30.36%	
ALUMNI	9003	2423	6580	3823	58.10%	
TEACHERS	47	26	21	9	42.86%	
TOTAL	9050	2449	6601	3832	58.05%	

SINCE
START OF
CAMPAIGN

1326

More
Deceased

2012

More
EMails

The goal is to have good email addresses for 65% of the living Alumni. We are currently at 58.05%. When the campaign started in June of 2023, we only had 23% of the email addresses for living Alumni.

Some classes are doing very well (green highlighted classes), and some classes need a “Champion” to locate missing Classmates (red highlighted classes). Mike asked for everyone’s help with this critical assignment.

Arguably, having 2,012 more email addresses can be the difference between success and failure of an event. It is unrealistic to expect an Alum to attend a Mendel activity if he does not know about the event. Using emails is the most effective option we have to raise awareness of the Alumni Association and our events and activities. We need more email addresses!

Chairman’s Report-Legacy Award Committee-Eric Rouse

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

Eric Rouse was not on the call. Mike Dreznes and Craig Larson presented a “Sneak Preview” of the 2025 Legacy Award Campaign.

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

The 2025 Mendel Legacy Award is open to any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a Mendel High School Alum who is a senior in high school (2025 Graduating Class.) The submittal deadline is March 15, 2025.

Chairman's Report-Hall of Fame Committee-J.C. Crane

J.C. Crane reported that the HOF Committee is in the process of updating the Nomination Application. He asked for suggestions from Board Members to make the application more effective and to make the process more efficient.

He said he is working to improve the uniformity of the HOF Plaque descriptions.

J.C. asked all Board Members to send nominations for Mendel Alumni Association for the HOF Class of 2025. He emphasized that not every application is approved for induction. The Mendel HOF Members are the best of the best.

Someone asked if Bishop Dan Turley, O.S.A. ('60) was in the Mendel HOF. **(UPDATE-Bishop Turley is a Member of the Mendel HOF)**

Chairman's Report-Veterans Committee-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel and Jim Chevalier are putting together plans for the 2024 Veterans Day Mass at the St. Rita Chapel. He asked for volunteers for the 2024 Veterans Day Committee. Terry Gainer offered to be on the Committee.

Andy Youpel will present an update on the 2024 Veteran's Day plans at the next Board Meeting.



Chairman’s Report-Website Committee-Rick Zarr

The Mendel Alumni Association continues to get rave reviews for its website. Rick Zarr and John Dreznes were thanked for their efforts.

Rick Zarr reported that he continues to scan Mendel Memorabilia into the website.



Rick Zarr will be scanning the 1960 Football Schedule soon.

Rick reported that there are many authors who graduated from Mendel. (<https://mendelchs.org/library/mendel-books/> /) He suggested that the Alumni Association asks Bernie Tafoya ('75) to interview these authors and the interviews are recorded. **This will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS

BOD Members Financial and Personal Commitment

Kelvin Lovely explained that the survival and success of the Mendel Alumni Association is dependent on the active participation and support of its Members. This is especially true for the Board of Directors who must lead by example.

It is difficult for Board Members who live outside of the Chicagoland area to attend the Mendel Alumni Association events. However, as has been proven by the Legacy Award leadership from Eric Rouse and Craig Larson, it can be done.

Board Members who do not live in the Chicagoland area can also participate financially.

It is proposed that the following language be added to the Mendel Alumni Association Articles of Association:

RESOLVED ON THIS DATE OF AUGUST 13, 2024:

All Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors understand that their active attendance, participation, and personal volunteering in logistical support of Alumni Events are key components of a Board Member's role in the Mendel Alumni Association. The Board is only as strong as the active commitment by each Board Member, and cannot rely solely on a few individuals to do all the work.

Fundraising is a major component of a Mendel Alumni Association Board Member's responsibilities. Financial support, either through giving or through solicitation of other Alumni to give to the Annual Appeal and special events is an essential element of that duty.

Board Members are requested to make an annual financial contribution according to their personal means and to the best of their ability to do so. No minimum dollar amount is associated with this Resolution. The only necessity is that each Board Member participate financially.

Board Members can make Donations on a reoccurring monthly basis at this site: Legacy Award | Mendel C.H.S. (mendelchs.org)

Board Members also are encouraged to add a legacy gift to the Mendel Alumni Association to their wills.

Kelvin Lovely proposed that the Board of Directors be given time to review this proposal before it is ratified. **He suggested that the ratification vote be included in the agenda for the next Board Meeting.** Board Members are asked to submit any suggested changes or revisions to Mike Dreznes as soon as possible.

First Annual Appeal for All Alumni

John Mikenis proposed that the Mendel Alumni Association initiate an Annual Appeal. This could be initiated in conjunction with the Feast of St Augustine, which is August 28, or the birthday of Gregor Mendel, which is July 20, or a different date.

John Mikenis prepared the following announcement to be sent to all Alumni.

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**Annual Appeal Letter [#5 External Appeal Letter]
Annual Appeal**

Every gift really does matter. Hundreds of alumni, former staff, and long time friends support the Mendel Catholic Alumni Association. Your assistance adds up to a big impact on our sons & daughters, as well as grandchildren, going on to further their education in college.

This year, we are excited about kicking off our first Annual Appeal for your financial support! We invite you to designate your contribution for the Legacy Awards (Financial Aid), within the Prestige, Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver, and/or Bronze levels.

**Every gift matters. Please Donate today here.
[insert website link].**

Additional opportunities to give are available in the form of Sponsorships for our Annual Golf Tournament and/or our Biennial All Class Reunion.

For additional information on Annual Gifts or Sponsorships please call us at [insert phone #] or by email to [insert email address].

**Thank you in advance for your consideration and time
Mendel Catholic Alumni Association Board of Directors**

All Directors are asked to review this message and to send Mike Dreznes any suggested changes, revisions, or additions. **This will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.**

Managing Sign -Up Sheets for Activities and Events-John Mikenis

John Mikenis explained that a variety of on-line software is available to help with the coordination of volunteers at Mendel events.

John Dreznes, John Mikenis, and Mike Dreznes will arrange a meeting with John Fanning to decide what is possible. **The results will be reported at the next Board Meeting.**

2025 Calendar-John Mikenis

John Mikenis expressed concern that too many Mendel Alumni Association events were scheduled too close to each other.

He presented the following document to show the events in 2024:

MCHS AA - 2025 Calendar Plan

2024 Backward View:

- 5/3 All Class Reunion
- 5/24 1984 Sneaker Ball
- 6/12 Blue Smoke Checkin
- 6/29 1984 Picnic
- 7/10 Golf Tournament
- 11/11 Veterans Day

Note: Volunteers were needed to cover 5 events in 69 days.

Did the clustering of 5 events stress volunteers and suppress attendance at all?

Can We: Explore the feasibility of adding the WordPress "Wired Impact " Volunteer scheduler as a plugin to the website in the 4th quarter of 2024? [Need John Dreznes for this]

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John suggested that the Board plans the 2025 Events today. He presented the following details:

2025 Prospective View:

- 5/25 HOF Induction Luncheon
- 5/25 Sneaker Ball
- 6/25 Blue Smoke Checkin
- 6/25 Picnic
- 7/25 Golf Tournament
- 11/25 Veterans Day
- What Else To Schedule (Volunteer Impact)?

What If: Is it desirable/possible to move the Golf Tournament to the fall to give some breathing room to volunteers?

The Board is asked to send John Mikenis any suggested changes, additions, or revisions. **The 2025 Calendar will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.** The Golf Committee is being asked to consider the option of moving the 2025 Golf Outing to the Fall.

Gregor Mendel O.S.A. Science and Technology Award at St Rita-Andy Youpel

At the last Mendel Alumni Association Board of Director's Meeting, the Board approved two five-hundred-dollar awards to cover St. Rita tuition to be presented to two St. Rita High School Seniors who have shown excellence in Science.

Andy Youpel will work with St. Rita to coordinate the presentation to the students at the first School Mass on August 29, 2024

A certificate will be given to each winner and their names will be added to a plaque that will be displayed in the Mendel Display Area in Gregor Mendel Hall at St Rita High School.

GREGOR MENDEL O.S.A SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD



THE MENDEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAINT RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, PRESENTS THE 2025 GREGOR MENDEL, O.S.A. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD TO:

Student's Name



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

August 19th, 2024



Kelvin Lovely, Chairman,
Mendel CHS Alumni Association



Kirkland Townsend ('78) Ceremony-Mike Dreznes

Kirkland Townsend ('78) is recognized as a pioneer of Bi-Level Dances and House Music. He helped to organize and Deejay the immensely popular dances at Mendel every Saturday night starting in 1975. These dances were a major source of revenue for Mendel.

Kirkland is being honored on August 21, 2024, at 7 PM by the Rhythm and the Blues Experience on Navy Pier. All Board Members and Mendel Alumni are encouraged to attend to congratulate Kirkland for his lifetime accomplishments.

You can buy tickets here: [The Rhythm & The Blues : A Night of Live Music, Film, and Dance Tickets, Wed, Aug 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



UPDATE: You can learn more about Kirkland's contribution to House Music at Mendel in this interview. Kirk's Mendel years start at about the 6-minute mark. [Everything House Music & More | Kirk Townsend - Episode 4 - YouTube](#)

CLOSING PRAYER

Fr. Tom closed the meeting by thanking God for the productive meeting. Mike Dreznes asked for a moment of silence for Mike Foley who passed away on July 16, 2024.

NEXT MEETING

The next BOD ZOOM meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 7 PM Chicago time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.