



Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

October 8, 2024

MINUTES

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

*Fr. Tom Griffin, David Ireland, David Milton, Dennis Heitzmann, Durell James, Eric Rouse, J.C. Crane, Mike Frigo, John Mikenis, Kelvin Lovely, Mike Dreznes, Mark Hubbard, and Tom Gavin were present.*

*Bob Fioretti, Bob Lopez, Craig Larson, Derek Lott, Don Triveline, John Wilson, Pat Regan, Rick Zarr, Ron Dubin, and Terry Gainer notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting prior to the meeting.*

*John Fanning (7th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), Bill Duffy, Billy Hilbring, and John Franklin were Missing With No Explanation.*

Opening Prayer

Fr. Tom Griffin, O.S.A. opened the meeting with a prayer asking for a productive meeting and God's blessings. Fr. Tom also asked for a moment of silence for Gene Rouse. Kelvin Lovely asked for prayers for Angelo Williams, ('78) who passed on September 29, 2024.



**Gene Rouse ('72)**

**R.I.P.**

**October 7, 2024**

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**MOMENT OF SILENCE**



# Minutes from June 4, 2024, BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the August 13, 2024, Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Durell James made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mike Frigo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 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 October 8, 2024, on Pat's behalf.

Mike showed two attachments. The first attachment showed the Year-to-Date Summary as of 10/6/2024. Our Bank Cash Balance stands at \$38,726 and our Projected 12/31/2024 Running Cash Balance stands at \$35,388, This did not change much from the last projection

These are the significant items since our last meeting:

1. We made the 3rd installment of the D&O Insurance. There is 1 more payment to be made in November.
2. Our Storage Facility costs have increased as our promotional first year deal expired in October. we will see a \$300 annual increase.
3. We paid St. Rita for the First Annual Gregor Mendel Science and Technology Awards (2 @ \$500/each).

	ROMEIO & All Class Reunion	Golf Outing	Mendel Science Hall	Donation Gift	BB game HOF	Veterans Day	Events Total	Corporate	Donations	Legacy Awards	Cash Basis Total	Running Cash Projection
Beginning Cash Balances 12/31/2023	21,475.12	16,675.73	(3,510.46)	(191.61)	(1,499.01)	3,129.99	36,084.76	(5,477.54)	(10,484.54)	721.92	19,844.60	19,844.60
<b>2024 Activity</b>												
<b>Receipts 2024:</b>												
Paid	242	32,336.00	23,565.00	4,486.95	-	-	60,387.95	-	-	540.00	61,027.95	61,027.95
In Process	0	-	410.00	-	-	-	410.00	-	-	1,475.00	1,885.00	1,885.00
Romeio's		1,170.00	-	-	-	-	1,170.00	-	-	-	1,170.00	1,170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>33,506.00</b>	<b>23,975.00</b>	<b>4,486.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,967.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,115.00</b>	<b>64,082.95</b>	<b>64,082.95</b>
<b>Expenses 2024:</b>												
Paid Reunion Variable Costs		735.12	-	-	-	-	735.12	-	-	-	735.12	735.12
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
Romeio's		1,022.45	-	-	-	-	1,022.45	-	-	-	1,022.45	1,022.45
Paid-Hickory Hills deposit-2025		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paid expenses for 2024		2,132.75	1,356.97	2,567.89	-	594.18	6,651.79	4,031.34	2,348.87	6,150.34	19,082.33	19,082.33
Unpaid:												
Reunion Fixed Costs - Program Book		1,000.00	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reunion To Gaelic Park		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unpaid - Hickory Hills		9,196.00	-	-	-	-	9,196.00	-	-	-	9,196.00	9,196.00
Unpaid Other		180.00	-	-	175.00	-	355.00	349.20	1,400.00	-	2,104.20	2,104.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,556.68</b>	<b>11,508.75</b>	<b>1,356.97</b>	<b>2,567.89</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>33,759.47</b>	<b>4,980.54</b>	<b>3,648.87</b>	<b>6,150.34</b>	<b>44,835.01</b>	<b>48,539.21</b>
<b>Net Cash Results for 2024</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>15,949.32</b>	<b>12,466.25</b>	<b>(1,356.97)</b>	<b>1,919.06</b>	<b>(175.00)</b>	<b>(594.18)</b>	<b>(4,980.54)</b>	<b>(3,648.87)</b>	<b>(4,035.34)</b>	<b>19,247.94</b>	<b>15,543.74</b>
<b>Net Cash Results 2021-2024</b>		<b>37,428.44</b>	<b>28,142.88</b>	<b>(4,887.43)</b>	<b>1,727.46</b>	<b>(1,674.01)</b>	<b>2,636.81</b>	<b>84,285.24</b>	<b>(11,468.08)</b>	<b>(14,130.41)</b>	<b>(3,313.42)</b>	<b>38,082.64</b>



Chase Bank Balance	10/8/2024	38,728.08	
In Process	In Process	Misc Charge	2.55
In Process	In Process	Reunion Register	-
In Process	In Process	Reunion Book, Donations & Silent Auction	-
In Process	In Process	Golf Outing Unpaid	410.00
In Process	In Process		
Less: O/S Checks			
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			<b>38,198.61</b>
			44.07

	2024	2023						
Prior year spending for Golf Outings:								
Rich Williams Fund for Golf Prizes	200.00	200.00						
Deposit for Hickory Hills	1,000.00	1,000.00						
<b>Corporate Cost:</b>			<b>2023 Open</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Dec</b>
D&O Insurance				1,726.00	-	-	-	259
Web Fees				900.00	-	-	-	225
Web Site Registration Fees				300.00	-	-	75	75
IRS Filing Fees				150.00	-	75	-	75
Storage Space				-	-	-	-	240
Mendel Picnic Donation				-	-	-	-	240
<b>YTD</b>				<b>3,076.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>799</b>
Donation Items:								
Fr Sobak check not Cashed				250.00				
Augustinian Ad Book				750.00				1,400
Gift Cards for Reunion Support				-				Added Tip of \$500 to Gaelic Bill
Catholic HOF				400.00				
Mendel Science Awards Plaques				-				1,400.00
BB Game Attendance fees				175.00				

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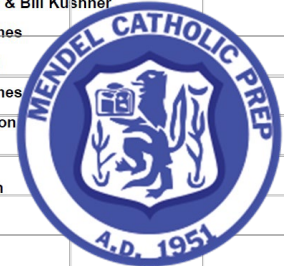
Pat Regan prepared a Second Attachment labeled Cost Coverage.

This preliminary analysis shows the estimated Cost Commitments for the Annual Events and other related spending for 2025. This does not include any receipts from Events nor donations Sources-just the cost of operating the Association and conducting the expected Events in 2025.



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Projected Cost Coverage for 2025		Mendel High School Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 7 PM <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8200867152">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8200867152</a>
	No Reunion in 2025	
	CALL TO ORDER: Opening Prayer	Andy Youpel
	Welcome Remarks	Tom Gavin & Bill Kushner
	Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2023 Meeting	35,388.34 Mike Dreznes
	Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee	Pat Regan
	Committee Assignments for Board of Directors Meeting	Est 2024 Mike Dreznes
	Chairman's Report: Golf Committee	Bill Johnson
	Hole Sign Replacement Update Gifts for Golfers Update	11,508.75
	Chairman's Report: Hall of Fame Committee	1,356.97 Tom Gavin
	Update on Committee Structure and New Chairman	4,980.54
	Chairman's Report: Website Committee	Rich Zarr
	Monthly Donations from BOD Members Update	900.00
	Chairman's Report: Membership Committee	250.00 Ron Dubin
	Chairman's Report: Veterans First Responders' Committee	7,000.00 Bill Kushner
	Plans for 2024 First Responders Mass in May 2024	(\$6k in 2024)
	Chairman's Report: Scholarship Committee	Eric Rouse
	Scholarship Application Submittals To Date	1,800.00 Net of Contributions
	OLD BUSINESS	
	2024 Christmas Luncheon Recap December 12, 2023	27,196.26 Mike Dreznes
	January 10, 2024 Mendel Hall Rededication Recap	Andy Youpel
	Western Suburb "R-O-M-E-O" February 22, 2023 Update	8,192.08 Bill Duffy
	May 3, 2024 All-Class Reunion Discussion May 3, 2024	Mike Dreznes
	Registrations to Date BOD Registrations to Date	
	Publicity Updates Reunion Program Ad Sales Status to Date	
	Silent Auction Donations to Date Review of Proposed Agenda	3,648.87
	Class Speakers Class of 1954 Man of the Year	1,000.00
	Jack Vlasy Lifetime Achievement Award	4,648.87
	Remainder	3,543.21



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In Summary, Pat Regan noted that we should be in very good financial position to execute our Operating Plans for 2025.

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

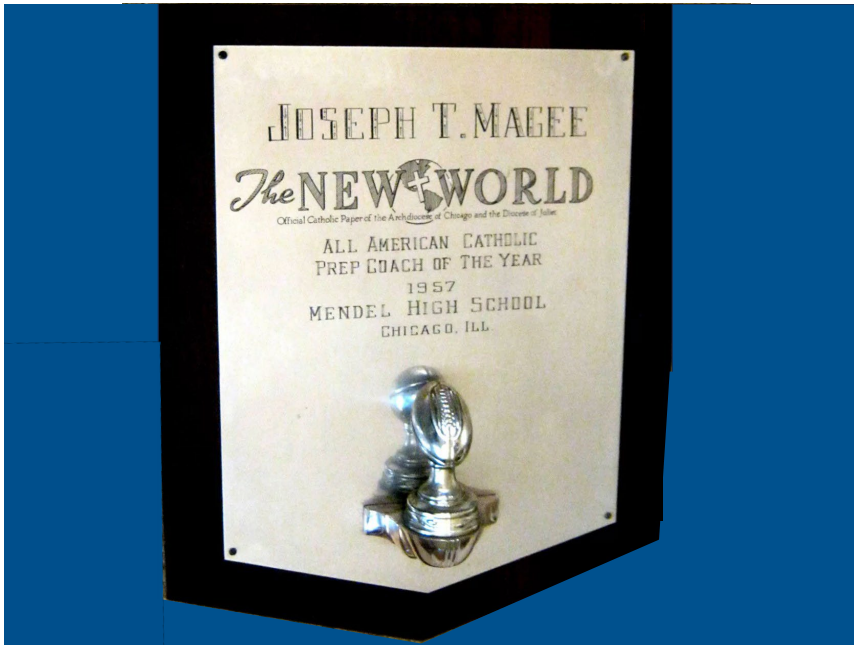
### Coach Joe Magee Induction Into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame

Tom Gavin explained the Catholic League Hall of Fame Application for Coach Joe Magee has been submitted.

When Coach Magee is inducted into the 2025 HOF Class on May 1, 2025, his widow, 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.

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

Mike Dreznes showed a plaque from the New World in 1957 naming Coach Magee the All-American Catholic Prep Coach of the Year in 1957. John Mikenis found this plaque on eBay! This plaque also will be displayed in the Mendel Hall of Fame at St. Rita.



Mike Dreznes also announced that the application for Mike O'Hare's ('70) Induction into the Catholic League Hall of Fame also had been submitted.

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. He presented the list below to show the Mendel Monarchs in the Catholic League Hall of Fame.



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	leotrack@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@sbcgbbal.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
Gulda, Lou	N/A	Coach Football	UK	DECEASED		YES
Hampton, Mike	1982	Athlete Basketball	2023	(651) 587-2481	michaeldhampton1982@gmail.com	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 Stelmasek	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
Wouffe, Mike	1958	Athlete/Coach Football	2003	DECEASED		YES
Young, Ernie	1987	Athlete/ Coach	2010	(602) 790-5047	ernestyong3@hotmail.com	YES

## Locating Alumni Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes emphasized the need to have good 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 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						MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 10/8/2024					
CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%	CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%
1955	293	74	219	31	14.16%	1955	290	168	122	59	48.36%
1956	274	83	191	28	14.66%	1956	275	140	135	60	44.44%
1957	250	51	199	27	13.57%	1957	250	120	130	55	42.31%
1958	325	49	276	54	19.57%	1958	325	147	178	95	53.37%
1959	377	52	325	71	21.85%	1959	377	178	199	108	54.27%
1960	413	67	346	53	15.32%	1960	413	206	207	118	57.00%
1961	366	55	311	59	18.97%	1961	366	141	225	121	53.78%
1962	318	121	197	140	71.07%	1962	329	134	195	158	81.03%
1963	376	57	319	60	18.81%	1963	376	149	227	130	57.27%
1964	440	45	395	80	20.25%	1964	440	127	313	210	67.09%
1965	488	62	426	55	12.91%	1965	488	158	330	212	64.24%
1966	487	59	428	83	19.39%	1966	487	159	328	241	73.48%
1967	389	32	357	70	19.61%	1967	389	98	291	196	67.35%
1968	354	70	284	192	67.61%	1968	354	87	267	218	81.65%
1969	362	39	323	79	24.46%	1969	362	74	288	209	72.57%
1970	294	18	276	63	22.83%	1970	294	56	238	160	67.23%
1971	327	30	297	98	33.00%	1971	327	45	282	147	52.13%
1972	264	25	239	72	30.13%	1972	264	32	232	99	42.67%
1973	258	23	235	110	46.81%	1973	258	45	213	177	83.10%
1974	229	16	213	32	15.02%	1974	229	44	185	139	75.14%
1975	168	12	156	45	28.85%	1975	168	22	146	65	44.52%
1976	140	5	135	23	17.04%	1976	140	9	131	48	36.64%
1977	75	5	70	20	28.57%	1977	75	8	67	32	47.76%
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	62	41.89%
1980	111	7	104	17	16.35%	1980	111	15	96	57	59.38%
1981	116	7	109	21	19.27%	1981	116	15	101	55	54.46%
1982	96	3	93	21	22.58%	1982	96	8	88	45	51.14%
1983	120	4	116	12	10.34%	1983	120	8	112	73	65.18%
1984	141	2	139	24	17.27%	1984	141	11	130	82	63.08%
1985	135	5	130	22	16.92%	1985	135	15	120	74	61.67%
1986	128	4	124	21	16.94%	1986	128	18	110	64	58.18%
1987	137	4	133	30	22.56%	1987	137	8	129	83	64.34%
1988	99	2	97	16	16.49%	1988	99	11	88	53	60.23%
1989 MDP	111	3	108	2	1.85%	1989 MDP	111	4	107	3	2.80%
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	61	6	55	16	29.09%
ALUMNI	9012	1115	7897	1814	22.97%	ALUMNI	9021	2505	6516	3795	58.24%
TEACHER	23	8	15	6	40.00%	TEACHER	27	7	20	9	45.00%
TOTAL	9035	1123	7912	1820	23.00%	TOTAL	9068	2531	6537	3804	58.19%

SINCE  
START OF  
CAMPAIGN

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EMails

The goal is to have good email addresses for 65% of the living Alumni. We are currently at 58.2%. 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). The Class of 1976 was called out and challenged to find contact details on Classmates to have good emails for at least 40% of the living Classmates. The 1976 Class is the only Mendel graduation Class under 40! Mike asked for everyone's help with this critical assignment.

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 and Craig Larson agreed to coordinate the 2025 Legacy Award Campaign. Craig Larson offered to be the contact person to receive all the Applications and Essays. He will then distribute them to the Legacy Award Committee for judging.

i Pat Regan noted that will be able to present up to \$7,000 in Scholarships in 2025, compared to \$6,000 this year.

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

Mike Dreznes reminded everyone that 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. 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.

He stated that the Committee had received three complete applications to date. The deadline is December 31, 2024. The HOF Induction Ceremony will be Saturday May 24, 2025 at 10:30 AM at St. Rita.

He noted that Andre Banks, Mike Hogan and Tony Daniel were inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame (CCLHOF), but not the Mendel Hall of Fame. The Board agreed that Induction into the CCLHOF should automatically qualify the individual for induction into the Mendel HOF. JC noted that this issue will be addressed by the Mendel HOF Committee.

**(UPDATE-Mike O’Hare ('70) who is being considered for Induction into the CCLHOF also is not a Member of the Mendel HOF John Mikenis initiated an application for Michael O Hare for the Mendel HOF.**

John Mikenis and J.C.Crane announced that the H.O.F. Committee is planning to introduce “Mendel Den of Honor” as a subset of the Mendel H.O.F.



**They presented the criteria for Induction below:**

**Proposal:**

In collaboration with the Mendel Hall of Fame Committee and the Mendel Alumni Association, we are excited to introduce a potential concept to periodically honor our Championship Teams from our 37-year history. This recognition will be branded as the “Monarchs Den of Honor”.

The sole criterion for recognition in “The Den” is for the team to have won a minimum of a League Championship.

Our goal with this initiative is to raise awareness of the Mendel Hall of Fame and encourage individual Alumni applications for potential membership.

**Potential Procedure:**

Teams can be nominated no more frequently than quarterly.

Modest preliminary research on the web will need to be conducted to gather background information on the team.

A brief paragraph about the team will be written, which can then be submitted for publication on the AA website. This paragraph will include a link to the HOF page and encourage individuals to apply.

Volunteers from both the AA Board of Directors and the HOF Committee will be asked to participate in this effort.

**The Board agreed that, if this concept is accepted by the H.O.F. Committee, the 1957 Mendel Football team should be the first team inducted into the “DEN.”**

The Board asked the H.O.F. Committee to consider a new subset for the HOF that would automatically include Veterans and First Responders killed in the Line of Duty. Apparently this is the practice with other High Schools like St. Rita, Brother Rice and Mt. Carmel. JC Crane will discuss this with the H.O.F. Committee and report back at the next Board Meeting.

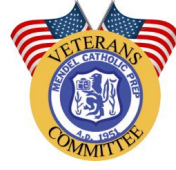
### Chairman's Report-Veterans Committee-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel was not able to attend the BOD Meeting. Mike Dreznes announced the Veterans Committee plans for the First Mass For Chicago Southside Catholic High School Veterans & First Responders Who Died in the Line of Duty on Thursday November 14, 2024 at 7 PM St Cajetan Church 2445 West 112th Street Chicago, IL



**SAVE THE DATE!**

MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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In Conjunction With ALL SOUTHSIDE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS



Mike Dreznes showed the Mendel Alumni Veterans killed in Vietnam, as well as the Mendel Men killed in the Line of Duty as First Responders.

### MEN OF MENDEL WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

	<p><b>PATROLMAN PATRICK J CROWLEY</b> CHICAGO POLICE STAR #3614 MENDEL CLASS OF 1963 END OF WATCH SEPTEMBER 13, 1976</p>	<p>Agency: Chicago Police Department Served: 10 years, 2 months, 24 days Unit of Assignment / Detail: 6th District - Gresham District of Incident (Present Day): 007 - Englewood Cause of Death: Gunfire - Enemy</p>
	<p><b>PATROLMAN JAMES DOYLE</b> CHICAGO POLICE STAR #9093 MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 END OF WATCH FEBRUARY 5, 1982</p>	<p>Agency: Chicago Police Department Served: 7 months, 28 days Unit of Assignment / Detail: Bureau of Administrative Services - Training Division: Unit 044 - Recruit Training District of Incident (Present Day): 006 - Gresham Cause of Death: Gunfire - Enemy</p>

### MEN OF MENDEL KILLED IN VIETNAM WAR

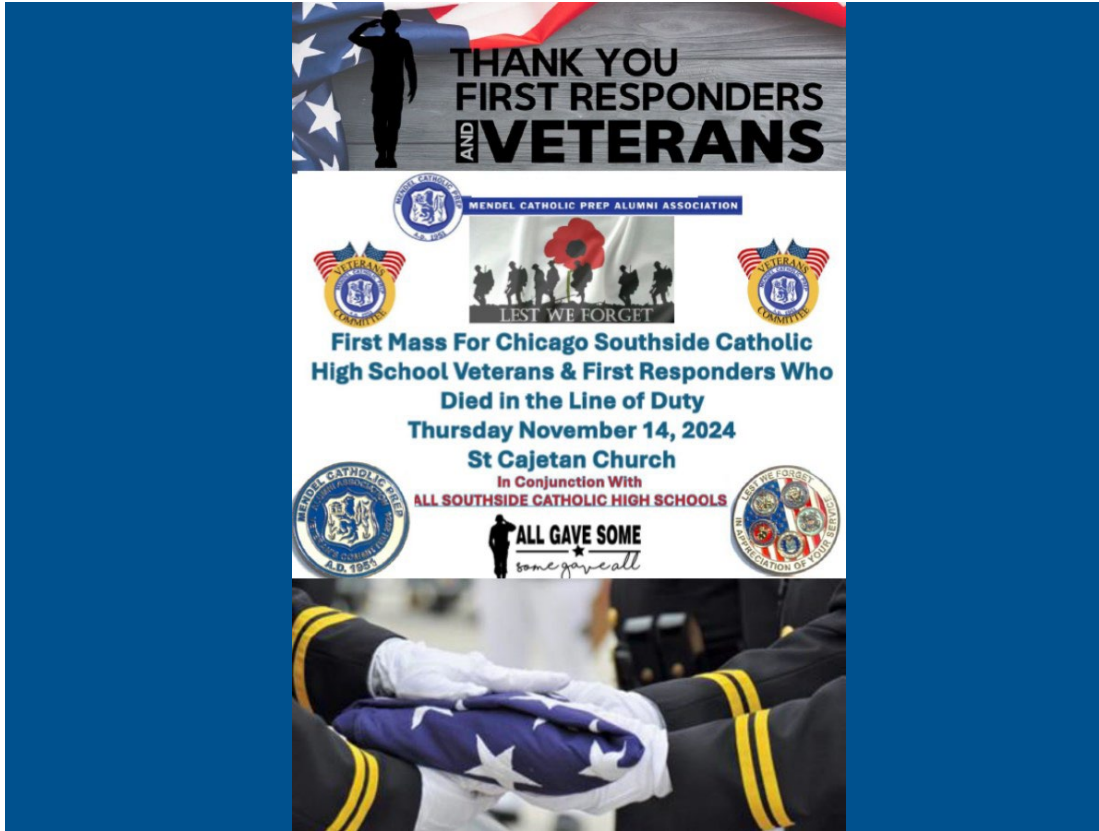
	<p>CPT EDWIN HESSE US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1957 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 14, 1971</p>	
	<p>2LT WILLIAM F. OTTO US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1959 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM MAY 13, 1966</p>	
	<p>MAJ JEFFREY LEMON USAF MENDEL CLASS OF 1961 MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS APRIL 25, 1971</p>	
	<p>1LT RONALD J. JANOUSEK USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 MIA IN VIETNAM AUGUST 9, 1969</p>	
	<p>WILLIAM SCHOOTEN USAF MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 PROB KILLED TAKING OFF AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN ASIA IN 1970</p>	
	<p>SPA WILLIAM C. ELLIS US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1944 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JANUARY 28, 1966</p>	

	<p>1SGT WILLIAM J. OSOBANEC USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1964 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 16, 1968</p>	
	<p>PFC ALAN BUTKUS US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 12, 1968</p>	
	<p>PFC CRAIG M. CLANCY USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1969</p>	
	<p>PFC JACK DALTON US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM NOVEMBER 21, 1966</p>	
	<p>1SGT ROBERT MILLER USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 9, 1967</p>	
	<p>PFC JERRY FLEMING US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1968</p>	
	<p>PFC JAMES LAMMOR US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 25, 1967</p>	
	<p>PFC FRANCIS SCHWARTZ US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM AUGUST 14, 1968</p>	
	<p>PFC ROBERT HORVACK US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1969 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 22, 1971</p>	

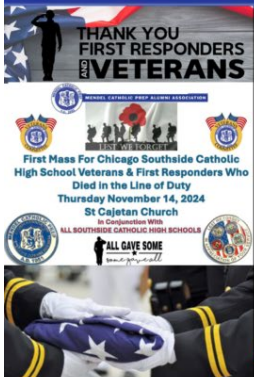
**All Board Members were strongly encouraged to attend this Mass.**



Mike Dreznes also announced that a Mass Booklet will be produced for the First Mass For Chicago Southside Catholic High School Veterans & First Responders Who Died in the Line of Duty. He asked all Board Members to consider taking out an ad and/or submitting a Memorial Message for the Mass Booklet. Contact Mike Dreznes for additional details.



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*Place a Personal Memorial Message in the Mass Booklet*

PERSONAL MEMORIAL MESSAGE: (MAXIMUM 100 CHARACTERS)	\$ 80
HALF PAGE PERSONAL MEMORIAL MESSAGE	\$ 300
FULL PAGE PERSONAL MEMORIAL MESSAGE	\$ 500
INSIDE COVER PERSONAL MEMORIAL MESSAGE	\$ 1,000
BACK COVER PERSONAL MEMORIAL MESSAGE	\$ 2,500



Send Checks & Message Details To Mike Dreznes 233 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60605  
 Call Mike Dreznes (707) 344-5878 or visit <https://mendelchs.org> To Pay With Credit Card

**ALL MESSAGES & PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 31, 2024**

# GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!

## **Website Committee-Rick Zarr**

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

John Dreznes and John Fanning are working on “fixes” to speed up the website and to prevent “glitches” that can cause the site to crash.

Mike Dreznes has reached out to Bernie Tafoya ('75) so ask him to record interviews with Mendel Authors. To date, Mike and Bernie have not connected.

## **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.

As a show of leadership, Fr. Tom offered to donate back the stipend he receives for attending the Board Meetings.

It is difficult for Board Members who live outside of the Chicagoland area to attend the Mendel Alumni Association events. However, Board Members who do not live in the Chicagoland area can also participate financially. Kelvin said that a recurring monthly donation of at least \$4 a month would help to keep the Alumni Association vibrant, strong and fiscally sound. Donations can be made at this site: [Legacy Award | Mendel C.H.S. \(mendelchs.org\)](https://mendelchs.org/legacy-award)

Kelvin 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. \(mendelchs.org\)](https://mendelchs.org/legacy-award)

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

John Mikenis made the motion to accept the resolution. Mike Frigo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## First Annual Appeal for All Alumni -John Mikenis

John Mikenis proposed that the Mendel Alumni Association initiate an Annual Appeal.



We need a coordinated effort to raise funds that can be used to support our retired Augustinian priest teachers and our Legacy Scholarship Program.

We are proposing the creation of the First Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal to be Conducted on the birthday of St. Augustine on November 13, 2024. and run for thirty-seven days in honor of Mendel High School's thirty-seven year history.

## Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal



## Mendel Men Helping Mendel Men

The following letter be sent to all Alumni.



### Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal -Every Gift Really Does Matter.

TO ALL MENDEL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI :

Hundreds of Alumni, former Mendel staff, and long -time friends have provided valuable support for the Mendel High School Alumni Association. Your financial assistance and involvement in the Mendel High School Alumni Association make a significant impact in the lives of the Augustinians who taught us at Mendel, and can help to offset some of the costs for college education for our Sons & Daughters, our Grandchildren, and our Great -Grandchildren.

To strengthen this initiative, we are excited to announce the First Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal, which will kick off on the birthday of St. Augustine on November 13. We need your financial support to make this campaign successful!

You can make your donation online at [Donations | Mendel C.H.S. \(mendelchs.org\)](https://mendelchs.org). You also can designate your contribution for the Legacy Awards (Financial Aid) at this site: [Legacy Award | Mendel C.H.S. \(mendelchs.org\)](https://mendelchs.org).

Additional donation opportunities also are available in the form of Sponsorships for our Annual Golf Tournament and/or our Biennial All Class Reunion, as well as personal memorials for our Veterans' Day Mass booklet. Consider leaving a donation to the Mendel Alumni Association in your Final Will. For additional information on Donations, Annual Gifts or Sponsorships for the Mendel Alumni Association, please call Mike Dreznes at (707) 344 -5878 or by email to [zekedrez@aol.com](mailto:zekedrez@aol.com).

This Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal is your chance to help to keep our Mendel Alumni Association strong and effective. Remember that you can mandate where your donation should be used. Together, we can have a positive influence in the lives of those in need. Thanks in advance for your support of this very important Fund -Raising Effort.

**In honor of the thirty-seven year history of Mendel High School, the Gregor Mendel Appeal will end after thirty -seven days on December 7, 2024.**

Mendel Catholic Alumni Association Board of Directors

## 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 explained that until the website is upgraded, it is not possible to add these sign up sheets. John Dreznes will add the necessary software when it is feasible.

## Second Half of 2024 and 2025 Calendar of Events-John Mikenis

The following schedule of events was presented to the Board.

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 and 2025:i

### **Second Half of 2024 and First Half of 2025 Prospective View:**

- TBD - Kickoff of 1st Annual Appeal
- 5/25 HOF Induction Luncheon
- 5/25 Sneaker Ball - Class of '84
- 5/31/25 or 6/7/25 - Class of '75 Reunion
- 6/25 Blue Smoke Checkin - Class of '84
- 6/25 Picnic - Class of '84
- 7/20/25 - Gregor Mendel Bday
- 7/25 Golf Tournament
- 11/13/25 - St. Augustine Bday Annual Appeal
- 11/25 Veterans Day
- What Else To Schedule (Volunteer Impact)?



### What If:

Note the significant clustering of activities in May through July.

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

## Second Half of 2024 and First Half of 2025 Prospective View:

- 11/13/24 - 1st Annual Gregor Mendel Appeal
- 11/14/24 – Mass for Veterans & First Responders
- 12/24- Christmas Gathering
- 5/1/25 CCLHOF HOF Induction Luncheon
- 5/25 Sneaker Ball - Class of '84
- 5/31/25 or 6/7/25 - Class of '75 Reunion
- 6/25 Blue Smoke Checkin - Class of '84
- 6/25 Picnic - Class of '84
- 7/20/25 - Gregor Mendel Birthday
- 7/25 Golf Tournament
- 11/11/25 Veterans Day
- 11/13/25 – 2nd Annual Gregor Mendel Appeal
- What Else To Schedule (Volunteer Impact)?



**UPDATE 10/11/24: THE 2024/2025 EVENTS HAVE BEEN UPDATED ON THIS CHART**

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

Two five-hundred-dollar awards were given to St. Rita High School Seniors who have shown excellence in Science. Their names will be added to the plaque that will hang in the Mendel Hall of Fame in 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



Kelvin Lovely, Chairman,  
Mendel CHS Alumni Association



**UPDATE: Andy Youpel will present the plaques at the Mass at St. Rita on October 23, 2024. All Mendel Men are invited to attend this Mass. The Plaque will be placed in the Mendel HOF Spot.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Christmas Gathering**

Mike Dreznes asked for suggestions for dates and locations for the Annual Christmas Gathering.

### **Music “Jam Session” with Mendel Alumni**

David Ireland suggested that the Mendel Alumni Association organize an event that would feature the musical talents of Mendel Alumni. One option would be to utilize a room at St. Rita and invite all of the Alumni who performed in bands.

The Board agreed to pursue this activity at the next Board Meeting.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Fr. Tom closed the meeting by thanking God for the productive meeting and for the participation by the Committee Members.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next BOD ZOOM meeting will be held on Tuesday December 10, 2024, at 7 PM Chicago time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.