



**Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 25, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**President Tom Gavin Called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 PM**

*Mike Frigo, Fr. Tom Griffin, Craig Larson, Derek Lott, Dennis Heitzmann, Durell James, Dan Rowan, Terry Gainer, Billy Hilbring, John Mikenis, Kelvin Lovely, Mike Dreznes, Mark Hubbard, Rick Zarr, Tom Gavin, and Art Gillespie were present.*

*David Milton, Bob Fioretti, Bob Lopez, Pat Regan, John Wilson, David Ireland, John Franklin, and Don Triveline, notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting prior to the meeting.*

*Bill Duffy, Eric Rouse, Ron Dubin, John Fanning (9th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation) were Missing With No Explanation.*

*Bill Johnson also attended the meeting.*

**Opening Prayer**

Fr. Tom Griffin, O.S.A. opened the meeting with a prayer asking for God's blessings and guidance. Fr, Tom also asked for a moment of silence all Monarchs who passed away since the last Board Meeting.

**Minutes from December 10, 2024, BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike**

**Dreznes**

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the December 10, 2024, Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Kelvin Lovely made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Tom Gavin 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 and John Mikenis presented the Financial Report as of February 25, 2025 that Pat had prepared.

As per the Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2024 that Pat Regan prepared, our Cash Balance finished at \$52,416 which was an increase of \$6,500 over 12/10/2024 balance of \$45,880. This was achieved from continued strong Gregor Mendel Appeal (GMA) Contributions of \$6,700. The total GMA contributions amounted to \$13,750 bringing the total Legacy Donations for the year to \$15,850.

Total Revenues for the year finished just under \$81,000. This was an Outstanding Performance!



portion of the Legacy Funds will be earmarked for the Annual Augustinian Gala. The proposed OR is estimated to be set at \$10,000. This was discussed and approved later in the BOD Meeting

Initial Budget/Projection for 2025							
February 25, 2025	Golf			Events	Legacy/ Annual	Grand	
	Outing	Picnic	Veterans	Total	Appeal	Total	
Projected Receipts	22,000	750	1,000	23,750	15,000	38,750	
Projected Expenses/Donations	(12,500)	(750)	(1,000)	(14,250)	(13,500)	(27,750)	
Net	9,500	-	-	9,500	(a) 1,500	11,000	
Corporate Costs (Insurance, Storage, Web Fees, Mendel Science)	Fixed for 2025			(7,739)	(1,750)	(9,489)	
Donations, Donations Gifts, Get Behind the Vest & Other Discretionary	Variable			(6,449)		(6,449)	
Corporate and Other Overhead Costs				(14,188)	(1,750)	(15,938)	
Net Projected Activity				(4,688)	(250)	(4,938)	
Actual Cash Balance At 12/31/2024 (Chase Bank Account)				42,322	10,095	52,417	
Projected Cash Balance At 12/31/2025 (Chase and Money Market Account)				37,634	9,845	47,479	
The above does not reflect Interest Income that will be earned on our Money Market Account which stood at \$40,000 as of 1/2/2025.							
<b>Est for 2026:</b>				<b>Corp</b>	<b>Legacy</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Operating Reserve for Corporate/Legacy Operating C</b>				8,000	2,000	10,000	
Other Corporate Discretionary Expenses				6,500			
<b>Projected Event 2026 Costs:</b>							
Golf Outing				13,000			
Reunion				18,000			
				45,500			
<b>2025 Est</b>							
Legacy Awards	8,500	\$8k plus \$500 for Certs.					
Augustinian Assistance	5,000	Funded \$7,000 for Health Coverage in 2022					
	(a) 13,500						





The Fourth attachment is a condensed Annual Report for 2024 that is being posted on the Mendel web site.



## Mendel Alumni Association

### Annual Report 2024

(Cash Basis Accounting)

**February 25, 2025**

### Alumni Events



	Veterans Day				
	Reunion	Golf Outing	Donation	Gilegacy Award	Total
<b>Receipts</b>	33,506.00	23,975.00	7,590.78	15,850.00	80,921.78
<b>Expenses</b>	16,556.68	11,628.75	4,889.59	6,476.77	39,551.79
<b>Net Contribution</b>	16,949.32	12,346.25	2,701.19	9,373.24	41,369.99
<b>Other Costs and Expenses:</b>					
	Gregor Mendel Science Hall Project				1,356.97
	Corporate Operating Costs				5,066.19
	Donations				2,374.87
	Net Activity for 2024				32,571.96
	Cash Balance 12/31/2023				19,844.60
	Cash Balance 12/31/2024				52,416.56

Kelvin Lovely made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Terry Gainer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### 2025 Budget Proposal-Pat Regan

Pat Regan presented the following 2025 Budget to the Board.



# MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BUDGET

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Kelvin Lovely made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget as submitted. John Mikenis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Locating Alumni Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the following chart that showed the progress that has been made over the past twenty months to locate missing Alumni. We cannot expect Alumni to participate in the Mendel Alumni activities if they are not aware of them.

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%

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MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2/25/2025					
YEAR	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL	%
1955	288	172	116	57	49.14%
1956	275	143	132	59	44.70%
1957	252	121	131	54	41.22%
1958	322	149	173	93	53.76%
1959	396	180	216	109	50.46%
1960	409	208	201	129	64.18%
1961	365	146	219	127	57.99%
1962	323	137	186	153	82.26%
1963	374	157	217	139	64.06%
1964	436	132	304	213	70.07%
1965	478	164	314	219	69.75%
1966	487	164	323	238	73.68%
1967	387	102	285	194	68.07%
1968	354	92	262	218	83.21%
1969	362	77	285	207	72.63%
1970	294	61	233	162	69.53%
1971	326	57	269	155	57.62%
1972	262	44	218	105	48.17%
1973	256	49	207	175	84.54%
1974	227	45	182	140	76.92%
1975	168	27	141	65	46.10%
1976	140	16	124	50	40.32%
1977	76	9	67	33	49.25%
1978	136	13	123	67	54.47%
1979	176	27	149	54	36.24%
1980	111	16	95	55	57.89%
1981	115	16	99	56	56.57%
1982	96	9	87	46	52.87%
1983	120	9	111	61	54.95%
1984	142	10	132	81	61.36%
1985	134	14	120	76	63.33%
1986	128	19	109	64	58.72%
1987	138	8	130	83	63.85%
1988	99	11	88	54	61.36%
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	16	28.57%
ALUMNI	9003	2614	6389	3814	59.70%
TEACHERS	47	28	19	10	52.63%
TOTAL	9050	2642	6408	3824	59.68%

Some classes are doing very well (green highlighted classes), and some classes need a “Champion” to locate missing Classmates (red highlighted classes).

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

Mike noted that since the search for Alumni started in June of 2023, we have doubled the number known emails from 1,820 to 3,824. Very often one or two people from a class will make the difference. John Mikenis noted that prior to the Class Reunions in 1973 and 1974, his 1973 Class divided up the 1973 Roster between five guys who made calls until the Roster was canvassed. The 1973 stands today as the model with email addresses known for over 84 percent of the known living classmates. The 1968 Class was given a strong foundation by the commitment and dedication of John Farris. The 1968 Class has identified emails for over 83 percent of the living Classmates. The 1962 Class has identified emails for over 82 percent of the Class due to the efforts of Rich Williams.

Mike Dreznes offered to send an updated roster to all Board Members, and he asked all Board Members to review the contact details for themselves, as well as friends, family, and other Classmates, and to notify Mike Dreznes of any necessary changes.

The goal is to have good email addresses for 65% of the living Alumni. We are currently at 59.7%. When the campaign started in June of 2023, we only had 23% of the email addresses for living Alumni.

Terry Gainer asked that Mike send the links for services like BeenVerified or Classmates to allow the Board or others to use them to look for missing Alumni.

Dennis Heitzmann suggested that a service be used to locate missing emails. Mike Dreznes said he would look into the options and he encouraged the Board to send him suggestions.

### **BOD Members Financial and Personal Commitment-Kelvin Lovely**

The following proclamation was approved at the October 8, 2024 Board Meeting.

## **RESOLVED ON THIS DATE OF OCTOBER 8, 2024:**

All Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors understand that the attendance, participation, and personal volunteering in logistical support 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 every 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's responsibilities. Financial support, either through giving or through soliciting other Alumni to give to the Annual Appeal and special events is an essential part of that duty.

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

Board Members can make Donations on a reoccurring monthly basis at Mendel Legacy Award | Mendel C.H.S. ([mendelchs.org](http://mendelchs.org)) Board Members are also encouraged to add a legacy gift to the Mendel Alumni Association to the

Kelvin Lovely encouraged every Board Member to make a recurring contribution to the Alumni Association. Donations as small as \$5 a month can be made on line To date every Board of Director except one has made a contribution.

Mike Dreznes showed this slide that indicates that the St. Rita Alumni Association charges its Alumni \$60 a year to be a Member.

He asked if Mendel should consider doing the same thing.



A screenshot of the St. Rita Alumni Association website. At the top, it says "Alumni" in large white letters on a dark background, followed by "25,149 Alumni Since 1905". Below this is the St. Rita of Cascadia High School logo, which is a circular seal with a red cross and other symbols. Underneath the logo, the text "2023 ALUMNI DUES" is displayed in bold. Below that, the text "Yearly Alumni Dues Remain \$60" is circled in red. Further down, there is a paragraph of text explaining that all proceeds from alumni dues help pay for the cost of keeping alumni and friends informed and sponsoring special events. Below this is another paragraph stating that if you care to make an additional gift to St. Rita to support current families with tuition assistance, you can do so here, with \$60 going toward dues and any remaining gift going to the Annual Appeal. At the bottom of the screenshot is a red button that says "Pay Dues".

Monthly Alumni Newsletters

Kelvin Lovely noted that a recurring monthly donation of at least \$5 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)

## Joe Magee Catholic League HOF Induction on May 1, 2025 Update-Tom Gavin

Tom Gavin explained that the Catholic League Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony would be held on May 1, 2025. An Application for Coach Joe Magee has been submitted. The final decision will be announced by March 1, 2025.

Provided Coach Magee is accepted, 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 at least four tables (forty attendees) at the induction.

Mike Dreznes asked who should present Coach Magee. Options include Jim Vlazny, Maureen Magee or both. He asked for other options, but no one submitted any ideas.

**UPDATE: Coach Magee was accepted for induction into the Catholic League Hall of Fame. All are encouraged to plan to attend the Induction Ceremony on May 1, 2025.**

## Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal Status- Pat Regan

Pat Regan was not able to attend the meeting. Mike Dreznes explained that the 2024 Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal started on the birthday of St. Augustine, which is November 13, and ran for thirty-seven days until December 19 in honor of Mendel Catholic High School's thirty-seven-year history.

Mike presented the following slide, which shows that 13,575 of the \$15,000 target was reached



The Second Gregor Mendel Appeal is scheduled to start on November 13, 2025.

### 2025 Mendel Legacy Awards Update- Eric Rouse/Craig Larson

Eric Rouse was not at the meeting. Craig Larson noted that two applications had been received for the 2025 Legacy Awards.

The decision was made to extend the deadline for applications to be submitted from March 31, 2025 to April 15, 2025. Mike Dreznes will update the website and a mass mailing will be sent to the Alumni.

The next Legacy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 4, 2025.

### Hall of Fame Committee Update/ HOF Induction May 24, 2025– J.C. Crane

J.C. Crane announced that the following Monarchs will be inducted into the 2025 Mendel Alumni Association Hall of Fame Class



**MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**CLASS OF 2025**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRAD YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRAD YEAR</b>
<b>Andre Banks</b>	<b>'82</b>	<b>Tony Daniel</b>	<b>'87</b>
<b>Mike O'Hare (RIP)</b>	<b>'70</b>	<b>Nolan Lane</b>	<b>'86</b>
<b>Gene Rouse (RIP)</b>	<b>'72</b>	<b>Patrick Regan</b>	<b>'68</b>
<b>Michael F Anthony (RIP)</b>	<b>'68</b>	<b>Michael Dreznes</b>	<b>'68</b>
<b>Kelvin Lovely</b>	<b>'78</b>	<b>William Hilbring</b>	<b>'81</b>
<b>James Nollinger</b>	<b>'67</b>	<b>Michael Hogan (RIP)</b>	<b>'66</b>

All of the new Inductees were congratulated and welcomed into the Mendel Hall of Fame.

The Induction Ceremony will be Saturday May 24, 2025, at St. Rita. The time is to be determined,



Induction  
Ceremony

Saturday

May 24, 2025

**St. Rita High School**  
**7820 South Western Ave.**  
**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

### **Mendel Veterans & First Responders Hall of Fame Relationship -J.C. Crane**

It is common practice with some High Schools to induct their Veterans and First Responder Alumni who died in the Line of Duty into their High School Hall of Fame.

This is not the current practice for the Mendel Hall of Fame.

The Mendel Veterans and First Responders who died in the Line of Duty will be recognized for their valor and commitment at the Mendel HOF Induction on Saturday May 24, 2025 with a moment of silence. Their family members will be invited to attend the Induction Ceremony.

These departed Mendel Veterans and First Responders will NOT be formally inducted into the Mendel HOF on May 24. The HOF Committee may determine an appropriate way to acknowledge their HOF status, if any, at an upcoming meeting. This may or may not be announced at the HOF Induction Ceremony on May 24.

Another option may be to create a "RING OF HONOR" within the Veterans Committee. This may be discussed at an upcoming Veterans Committee Meeting.

### **Membership Committee Report-Ron Dubin**

Ron Dubin was not at the Meeting and no Membership Committee Report was given.

### Website Committee Report-Rick Zarr

John Dreznes and Rick Zarr were congratulated for their excellent work on the Mendelchs.org Website. Rick Zarr announced that he recently uploaded more Mendelians from the mid 1960's' classes.

### Mendel All-Class Picnic June 28, 2025, Update-Derek Lott

Derek Lott and Mark Hubbard announced that the Mendel Alumni Association All-Class Picnic will be held on June 28, 2025, at a location to be determined by April 15, 2025. They asked that Alumni who wish to volunteer contact Derek Lott or Mark Hubbard. Mark Hubbard and Derek Lott also asked that the name for the picnic be changed from the "1984 Class Picnic" to the "All-Class Picnic."

St. Martin DePorres will also be added to the "Sister School" list.

The Picnic Announcement will be posted on the mendelchs.org website and a mass mailing will be sent to all Mendel Alumni once the location is finalized. All Board of Directors were encouraged to attend this All-Class Picnic.

**MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS  
THE MENDEL ALL CLASS  
FAMILY PICNIC**

**"POWERED BY THE CLASS OF 84"  
INVITING ALL SISTER SCHOOLS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025  
12 NOON - 7:30PM**

**LONGWOOD** **AQUINAS** **SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL** **UNITY**

**LOCATION: TBA  
FREE ADMISSION**

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT THE WEBSITE OR CALL  
[WWW.MENDELCHS.ORG](http://WWW.MENDELCHS.ORG) OR CALL 708-654-9096

## July 25, 2025 Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing Update-Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson presented an update on the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing.



### **REGISTRATION**

**Our goal is to have 100+ golfers. Last year we had 124 preliminary registrations.**

**Registration is in place for online registration on MendelCHS.org website.**

**Mark Hubbard has offered to send out to his mailing list a copy of the Save the Date for Golf with his Summer Picnic invitation. Hopefully this will draw from the latter classes who typically attend the picnic, which last year was prior to the golf outing. We had a few entries register at the picnic.**

**Early Bird registration offered prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of \$165 fee. \$175 after**  
**As registrations are received, we will try to keep up with them by adding names to our Alpha Report, which hopefully will create foursome order, and subsequently we can produce scorecards, Hole assignments and bag tags.**





MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



**FRIDAY JULY 25, 2025**

**Hickory Hills Country Club**

**GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!**

<https://mendelchs.org/>

**Bill's biggest need right now are more volunteers.**

**Bill Johnson  
will Chair this  
Golf Outing.  
We need lots  
of Volunteers  
to help.**

## **Staffing:**

**Prior to the Event:** the prior day we need to transport the required supplies from the storage Unit in Oak Lawn on 108<sup>th</sup> and Central. This will include the hole signs, merchandise; shirts, hats, any prizes such as Glasses etc. and popup tent for Veterans hole, chairs, tables etc. Mendel letters and banners for the course to set up.

We will need as many volunteers as possible to ensure smooth execution.

**Day of the Event:** Tasks include a streamlined system to check pre registrations and collect any unpaid fees.

Bag tags will be created so that the golfers can return to their bags at the bag check so the helpers can take the bags to the assigned carts. Hopefully we will have a timely shotgun start at 9 a.m.

As last year, we will direct golfers to the first tee for the group picture and subsequently get them into the carts for the caravan to the respective starting holes.

Staffing needs; registration, ideally at least four, one person at bag drop to ensure an efficient process to place bag tags and staff delivery to the carts.

Breakfast can be an option. Either we can get a sponsor to cover costs or charge whatever the course charges for breakfast which was nominal and quite good.

# SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY JULY 25, 2025**

**TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL**

**MENDEL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING**

**HICKORY HILLS GOLF COURSE**

**8201 WEST 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET HICKORY HILLS, ILL**



We also need two people to register and collect moneys for the optional games; two closes to the pins, Most accurate drive: ( closest to the midline in the first fairway which the course can paint. Last year we had a longest drive which proved to be unfair. Also we had a longest putt which proved to be hard to administer. If we tried that again we would need a sponsor on that green to measure the longest putt. This could be up for discussion. The prize fund will consist of collected fees. I am against payouts for top foursomes as this was the source of angst for some last year.

We need volunteers to reach out to past participants to solicit them to register and pay. We are hopeful that a Friday date will yield more out of town participants who would have the weekend to visit longer with local alum and family and friends. Perhaps we could have a Saturday event. I'm up for suggestions.

**Prizes**; currently we only will e giving away balls with Mendel Monarch ( lion ) that was created by our creative team. They will either be Calaway or Taylor Made depending on pricing. We may have some other prizes such as liquor and inventory . We have in all prior years given out prizes to everyone but the administration , storage and transportation of were overwhelming for Rich Williams and his gracious wife Sharon.

We will continue to solicit sponsors for hole signs, cart signs and gift certificates. Past years included Dal Santos sausage, Nino's Pizza, Aurelio's, Gaelic Park, I'm open for ideas on how far to go and how to reward. Silent auction items are a possibility.

**8AM Check-in/9AM Shotgun Start**

This Golf Outing is for Mendel Alumni & Families & all Friends of Mendel.

A portion of the proceeds from this Event will be used to support retired Augustinians, the Mendel Legacy Award Program, and the Mendel HOF.

The \$175 fee includes green fees, golf cart , dinner. open bar and door prizes. DON'T GOLF? Cocktails & Dinner begin at 3:30 PM for \$70.

Register and/or Pay Online [www.mendelchs.org](http://www.mendelchs.org) or send checks to Pat Regan 1s510 Bayberry Lane Wheaton, Illinois 60189

QUESTIONS? Bill Johnson (708) 710-6823 [bjmjtaz@att.net](mailto:bjmjtaz@att.net)

Pat Regan (630) 408-1447 [pjr1249@aol.com](mailto:pjr1249@aol.com)

**RAINOUT DATE IS MONDAY JULY 28, 2025**

**ENTRY PACKAGES**

**GOLF & DINNER \$175**

**(EARLY BIRD \$165 UNTIL MAY 1, 2025)**

**DINNER ONLY \$70**

**(EARLY BIRD \$60 UNTIL MAY 1, 2025)**

**HOLE SPONSOR SIGNS \$125**



We will most definitely have the Split the Pot Raffle and we will enhance our efforts with staff on the Veterans Hole #11 to sell tickets there as well as staff at the “half way house “ that encompasses four holes, I believe. This will be where golfers will redeem their beverage coupons and hot dog. Last year we did have a beverage cart on the course, which I believe was well received. We will emphasize that no coolers are allowed on the course.

We will also have the foursome photo hole near the ninth hole. Last year we had Rick Zarr and Tim Zimbauer taking pictures and Kelvyn’s “lovely daughters; processing and selling them inside.

Dinner is scheduled after 3PM, and we will have a two hour open bar. Hopefully we will have a timely pace of play so that all golfers are in by around three.

We need to determine the time to announce the split the pot winner and any prize winners so that it does not interfere with dinner and cocktail hour.

It would be nice if we could have a priest available to offer grace.

I would prefer not to have many talking heads and, personally we need to eliminate what I went through last year announcing prize winners during dinner. We need to determine a better method.

**Bill Johnson was thanked for his enthusiastic outstanding leadership. This promises to be an excellent outing. The Golf Committee has scheduled a ZOOM Call Meeting for Thursday March 4, 2025. All were encouraged to attend this Meeting.**

## **New Business**

### **Articles of Association Operating Reserve Policies & Procedures**

#### **Addendum 2 Approval-Pat Regan**

**The Board was asked to approve the following Addendum to the Articles of Association. John Mikenis monitored this discussion on behalf of Pat Regan.**

## **ADDENDUM 2 Voted On and Approved at BOD Meeting on Feb Operating Reserve Policies & Procedures as of 2/25/25**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Reserve Fund for the Mendel Catholic Alumni Association is to ensure the financial stability of the organization to meet its mission.

The Mendel Catholic Alumni Association will maintain the reserve to accomplish the following:

- \* To create an internal line of credit to manage cash flow and maintain liquidity.
- \* To enable the organization to sustain operations through delays in payments.
- \* To pay for one-time, nonrecurring expenses that will build capacity, support growth, and development.

The Reserve Fund is not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds. It is the intention of the Mendel Catholic Alumni Association for the Reserve Fund to be replenished each year.

### **DEFINITIONS & GOALS**

The Reserve Fund is defined as funds set aside by action of the Board of Directors. Financial oversight are delegated to the Executive Committee/Finance Committee.

### **TARGET MINIMUM AMOUNT**

The minimum amount to be designated for the Reserve will be established to ensure the organization can maintain ongoing operations and programs for a set period, measured in terms of a dynamic role and will be reviewed and adjusted in response to internal and external factors. The target minimum Reserve Fund is equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or twelve (12) months of operating expenses on average.

The calculation of average monthly operating expenses includes all recurring expenses defined as including fixed Corporate like Costs made up of Insurance, Salaries, Fees, etc.; as well as Expenses not associated with Fundraising - August 2024 Hall of Fame. This list may be amended by the Treasurer should similar, but not identical, expenses. Depreciation, in-kind, and other non-cash expenses are not included in the calculation.

## Accounting for Reserves

The Reserve Fund will be listed separately in the unrestricted organization's statement of financial position as "Board-Designated Reserves." Borrowings from the reserve will be reported in financial reports as "Borrowings from Reserves."

## USING RESERVES

The Executive Board will identify reasons for accessing the reserves. If the use is consistent with the purpose of the reserves as described in the policy, the Executive Board will do the following:

- \* Analyze the reason for the needed funds;
- \* Assess the availability of any other sources of funds before using the reserves (e.g., credit); and
- \* Evaluate the period that the funds will be required, and the impact on the organization's financial position.

## BOARD AUTHORIZES USE AND MONITORS RESERVES

The Executive Board may access the reserves for purposes as described in the policy if sufficient funds are available to repay such usage within twelve months.

The Executive Board will submit a request to the Treasurer in writing for an analysis and determination of the use of funds and plans for repayment.

The Treasurer will approve in writing or modify the request and notify the Executive Board. Email is an acceptable form of notification and acknowledgment.

## FUNDING RESERVES

To establish the Reserve Fund, the Mendel Catholic Alumni Association designated Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of existing accumulated assets as the beginning balance of the fund.

The amount of the Reserve Fund target minimum will be calculated during the annual budgeting process. This amount will be reported to the Board of Directors in the regular financial reports.

The Reserve Fund will be funded annually as a line item expense in the annual budget.

The Board of Directors may from time to time direct that a special contribution be set aside for its reserves. Examples may include one-time gifts or proceeds from special appeals.

The Executive Committee/Finance Committee will ensure that the Reserve Fund will not carry restrictions that conflict with the Board's policies outlined in the policy.

## INVESTING RESERVES

The Reserve Fund will be funded and available in cash or cash equivalents based on preferences, liquidity needs, and investment objectives of the Board of Directors. The reserves will be combined with the general cash accounts and not segregated in financial reporting.

If the Reserve is and has been less than 75% of the target reserve level for three years, the Board of Directors will adopt an operational budget that includes a plan to rebuild the Reserve Fund to its targeted reserve level over a period of three years.

## **BORROWING FROM RESERVES**

Any funds borrowed from the Reserve Fund for longer than 12 months must be paid back through a prescribed repayment schedule.

The Executive Board shall request approval of any such usage and repayment schedule from the Board of Directors. If approved, such disbursement shall be reported at the next full board meeting. At any time that a borrowing from the Reserve Fund, the status of the borrowing and payments made will be reviewed. A draw-down from the fund that cannot be replaced in the time period approved

by a majority of the Board, either by a majority of the votes of the Board meeting or by a two-thirds majority of the Board if such a majority means. A record of such action will be maintained and be made available in the minutes.

## **REPORT AND MONITOR USE OF FUNDS**

The Executive Board is responsible for ensuring that the Reserve Fund is used only as described in this Policy. Upon approval for the use of Reserve Funds, the Finance Committee will maintain records of the use of funds and report to the Board of Directors. The Mendel Catholic Alumni Association will provide regular reports to the Board of Directors/Executive Committee of progress to restore the fund to its original level.

## **REVIEW OF POLICY**

This policy will be reviewed every other year at a minimum by the Board of Directors/Finance Committee, or sooner if warranted by interest. Changes to the Policy will be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

Tom Gavin made the motion to accept the Addendum as written. Dan Rowan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Music “Jam Session” with Mendel Alumni-David Ireland

David Ireland was not able to attend the meeting. Kelvin Lovely advised that the tentative plan was to conduct a music concert in the Fall with many of the talented musicians who graduated from Mendel. Rick Zarr suggested that the Oak Brook Terrace or Farris View Park be considered as a venue for this “jam session.” Rick Zarr asked for volunteers for a committee to coordinate this activity. He suggested that the band be called “Blue Smoke.” This will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.

## “Get Behind The Vest” Report-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel was not at the meeting. Mike Dreznes reported that the “Get Behind the Vest” Event was a big success with over 1000 people attending. The Alumni Association had eight representatives at the “Get Behind The Vest” Pancake Breakfast at St. John Fisher School on Sunday February 23, 2025.

We also have an opportunity to volunteer to work the **“Get Behind The Vest” Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday February 23, 2025 between 8 AM and noon. If you can help, please call or send Mike Dreznes a note telling him what times you could be available. [zekedrez@aol.com](mailto:zekedrez@aol.com) (707) 344-5878

We want to raise at least \$1,800 to donate three vests for the three Mendel Alumni First Responders who died in the Line of Duty. You can send checks made out the Mendel Alumni Association with “Vests” written in the Subject Line of the check to Mike Dreznes 233 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street Unit 1803 Chicago, IL 60605 or donate online at <https://mendelchs.org/donations/>  
Any help would be greatly appreciated.

# GO YOU MEN OF MENDEL!

## SAVE THE DATE

### ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S

# GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Sunday February 23, 2025

Saint John Fisher School – Kane Hall  
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family



The Mendel Alumni Association donated \$1,000 to purchase two vests in the names of Patrolman Patrick Crowley ('63) and Patrolman James Doyle ('65) who were killed in the line of duty

# MEN OF MENDEL WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY



**PATROLMAN PATRICK J CROWLEY**  
**CHICAGO POLICE STAR #3614**  
**MENDEL CLASS OF 1963**  
**END OF WATCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 1976**



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



**PATROLMAN JAMES DOYLE**  
**CHICAGO POLICE STAR #9093**  
**MENDEL CLASS OF 1965**  
**END OF WATCH**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 1982**



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

## CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



President Tom Gavin ('67), Treasurer Pat Regan ('68), Secretary Mike Dreznes ('68), Veterans & First Responders Committee Chairman Andy Youpel ('66, Rick Zarr ('71) Bill Duffy ('64), Bill Johnson ('68) and Ken Kolar ('71) represented the Alumni Association presented the check to Alderman Matt O'Shea and Maureen Bigane who was representing the Chicago Police Memorial Organization.

# ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020



## Plans to Recognize First Responder Richard Barth ('67) Killed in Line of Duty-Mike Dreznes

Richard Barth ('67) was a Downers Grove Patrolman. He was killed in the line of duty on March 18, 1974. Barth Pond in Patriots Park in Downers Grove is named after him. Every year the Downers Grove Police Department honors the memory of Officer Barth in Patriots Park on May 17.

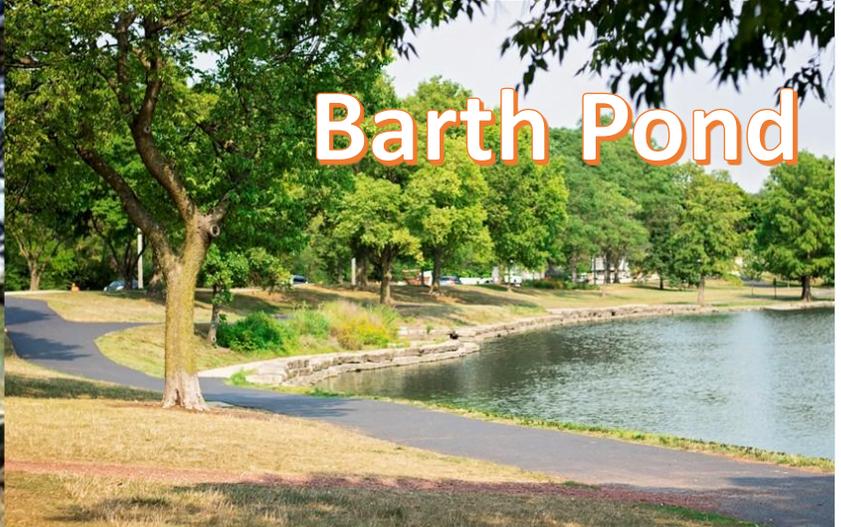
# MEN OF MENDEL WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY



**PATROLMAN RICHARD BARTH**  
**DOWNERS GROVE BADGE 11**  
**MENDEL CLASS OF 1967**  
**END OF WATCH**  
**MARCH 18, 1974**



Agency: Downers Grove Police Department  
Served: 2 years  
Unit of Assignment/Detail Patrolman  
Cause of Death: Gunfire-Enemy



Each year on May 17, a service is held in Downers Grove to remember Officer Barth.





There are two Catholic Grammar Schools located in Downers Grove, St Josephs and Saint Mary Of Gostyn School. The Board agreed that it would be appropriate to make a \$250 donation to each school in the name of the Mendel Alumni Association in honor of Richard Barth with the funds earmarked for security at the schools. This donation will be made on May 17, 2025 at the Richard Barth Memorial.

### **“Off-Year 1975 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” Plans-Eric Rouse**

Eric Rouse was not at the meeting. Mike Dreznes announced that the 1975 would celebrate the 1975 Class 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Reunion at Gwendolyn Brooks High School on Saturday June 7, 2025. Additional details will be announced at the next Board Meeting.



## **1955 “Premier Class” 70th Anniversary Celebration Plans-Mike Dreznes**

The Board discussed options to honor Mendel’s First Graduating Class from 1955. A variety of options were discussed.

Due to logistic issues for many of the 1955 Class Members, it was agreed that rather than an outing of some sort, a proclamation would be developed and sent to each 1955 Alumnus. The proclamation would also be posted on the Mendelchs.org website. Final design for the proclamation will be determined at the next Board Meeting.



**MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
CLASS OF 1955 FOR YOUR  
70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**



**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Augustinian Gala Report-Tom Gavin**



Please Join Us for the 13th Annual  
*Augustinian Gala*

**Friday, April 25, 2025**  
*at the Drake Hotel, Chicago*

**This is a major Fundraiser for the Midwest Augustinians.**

**Brother Jack Hibbard ('69) is being honored at this Gala. Since we gave Rev John Sotak \$250 for this honor last year, it was suggested we do it again this year for Brother Jack. The following half page ad to congratulate Brother Jack Hibbard would cost \$500.**



**MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Congratulates  
Brother Jack Hibbard  
(Mendel Class of 1969)  
for his lifetime of  
dedication and service.  
Thank you for making  
Mendel High School  
PROUD!**



**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Kelvin Lovely and Tom Gavin will bring their wives to the Gala. The cost will be \$350 each.**

**The \$500 Half Page ad plus the four dinners for \$1400 plus the \$250 donation for Brother Jack would allow us to contribute \$2,150 to the Augustinians this year.**

**The Board agreed that the Alumni Association purchase a \$500 Half Page ad plus four dinners for \$1400, plus the \$250 donation for Brother Jack for a total of \$2,150 as a donation to the Augustinians this year.**

**Mike Dreznes also noted that Cardinal Bob Prevost O.S.A. could be in the discussion to become the next Pope. His Mom worked at Mendel as the librarian and his brothers Lou ('69) & John ('72) attended Mendel!**



**On 30 January 2023 Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevoost as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.**

### **Catholic League HOF Monarch Nominations Status-Mike Dreznes**

The Mendel Alumni Association is aware of three nominations for induction into the Catholic League Hall of Fame this year: Coach Joe Magee, Nolan Lane ('86) and Mike O'Hare ('70). The final decisions are expected by March 1, 2025.

**APPLICATIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR  
COACH MAGEE, MIKE O'HARE ('70)  
& NOLAN LANE ('86)**



The Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday May 1, 2025. All Board Members were encouraged to attend so we can fill multiple tables with Alumni out of respect to our Mendel Inductees,

Mike Dreznes asked for Mendel Alumni nominees for the 2026 Catholic League Hall of Fame.

**UPDATE: Neither Mike O'Hare nor Nolan Lane were accepted for induction into the Catholic League Hall of Fame. Their applications will be considered again next year.**

**WE NEED MORE APPLICATIONS FOR  
THE CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE  
FOR THE CLASS OF 2026**



**Las Vegas R.O.M.E.O. February 18, 2025 Update-Mike Dreznes**

Mike Dreznes posted a photo taken at a mini "R.O.M.E.O". ("Random Old Monarchs Eating Out") at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas on February 18, 2025.

All Alumni were encouraged to have similar R.O.M.E.O. Events wherever they live or travel. This is an excellent way to create camaraderie and to keep the Memories of Mendel Alive.

# Las Vegas R.O.M.E.O. February 18, 2025 Cosmopolitan Hotel



Tony Balsam  
'68

Mike Dreznes  
'68

Ron Mutnansky  
'60

Greg Morin  
'68

## Thank you note to the Alumni Association from Dan Lynch's widow- Mike Dreznes

The Mendel Alumni Association received the following card from the widow of Judge Dan Lynch ('61) thanking the Association for the flowers that were delivered to Christ the King Church for Dan's Funeral Mass.



Thank you for the  
beautiful flowers.  
Dan had so many  
memorable occasions  
with the Mendel "gentlemen"  
and the Augustinians.  
God bless y'all.  
Madeira

One of the great blessings that God has  
given us in our sadness has been the  
presence and care of good friends. You  
may not realize how much you did for all  
of us, but we will always remember that  
you took the time to be with us and let us  
know that you cared. May God bless you  
richly as He has blessed us through you.

The Family Of  
Honorable Daniel J. Ly

## Upcoming Mendel Alumni Events

Mike Dreznes presented to following calendar and asked all Board of Directors to mark their calendars and to save the dates for these Events.

# *The Mendelian*



*March 2025*

## **Upcoming Mendel Alumni Association Events**

- 3/4/25 Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Committee Meeting**
- 4/15/25 Deadline for 2025 Legacy Scholarship Applications**
- 4/15/25 Mendel Alumni Association Veterans Committee Meeting**
- 5/1/25 Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
Crystal Sky Ballroom 7941 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street McCook, Ill**
- 5/13/25 Mendel Alumni Association BOD Meeting 7 PM**
- 5/17/25 Officer Richard Barth Memorial Downers Grove**
- 5/24/25 Mendel Hall of Fame Induction St Rita High School**
- 6/7/25 Class of 1975 Fiftieth Anniversary Gwendolyn Brooks HS**
- 6/28/25 Mendel All-Class Picnic (Location TBD)**
- 7/20/25 Gregor Mendel Birthday**
- 7/25/25 Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing Hickory Hills CC**
- 11/13/25 Start of Second Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal**

**Bill Taylor ('66) Lecture**



# VETERANS MUSEUM

at the Tri Town Safety Village  
1350 Eagle Ridge Drive, Schererville, IN  
219-865-9600

**Curator Tom Clark – Presents**



**Guest speaker: William Taylor**  
**Saturday, March 1, 2025**  
**1:00 pm in the Veterans Building**

In his new memoir, William Taylor reveals the epic and largely untold story of his 13-month tour of duty with Special Landing Force Alpha, one of the most active Marine combat units of the Vietnam War.

The story emerges from his personal experience and the accounts of other veterans who served with him during the heavy combat of 1967 and 1968.



**Thank You to everyone who Attended this wonderful Event**

Rick Zarr encouraged all Alumni to attend this lecture by Bill Taylor ('66). Bill is an author and an excellent speaker. Contact Rick Zarr for additional details (219) 374-5112 [rzarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rzarr@sbcglobal.net).

## Closing Prayer

Fr. Tom closed the meeting by thanking God for the productive meeting and for the participation by the Committee Members. He mentioned the Mendel Alumni who had died since the last meeting. and asked for a moment of silence for these Monarchs.

## Next Meeting

The next BOD ZOOM meeting will be held on Tuesday May 13, 2025, at 7 PM Chicago time.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.