



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

August 5, 2025

MINUTES

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

Mark Hubbard, Eric James, Bill Duffy, Derek Lott, Bob Fioretti, David Milton, Craig Larson, Bob Lopez, Eric Rouse, Mike Frigo, Fr. Tom Griffin, Dan Rowan, Terry Gainer, John Mikenis, Kelvin Lovely, Mike Dreznes, J.C. Crane, Tom Gavin, Pat Regan and Rick Zarr were present. Bill Johnson and Andy Youpel also attended the meeting as guests.

Don Triveline and Dennis Heitzmann notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting prior to the meeting.

David Ireland, Billy Hilbring, Art Gillespie, Durell James, Ron Dubin (3rd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), John Fanning (12th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation) and John Franklin were Missing With No Explanation.

Opening Prayer

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

Minutes from June 24, 2025 BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the June 24, 2025, Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Rick Zarr made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Terry Gainer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Pat Regan

Pat Regan announced that the major financial activity was the 2025 Golf Outing, which set a new record-achieving a net contribution of \$14.4k.

The only other major item is that we secured Crime Insurance, which was paid in July-premium of \$758. This coverage is typical for Associations like ours and protects our Funding that has increased significantly in 2023-2025.

Given our present Cash Balance, with \$34Kk in our Money Markey account we might want to consider putting some of those funds into a 6 month CD. This would allow us to lock in a rate of 4.10 - 4.15% as it would seem that Money Market rates will probably decrease in the near future. **UPDATE: The Board agreed that Pat Regan should invest \$20,000 in a CD with Russ Petrizzo.**

	Year To Date Summary										AUGUST 4, 2025		
	ROME OS & All Crises Reunion	Golf Outing	Mendel Science Hall	Donation Gifts	SS game HOF	Veterans St. Rosemarie	Events Total	Corporate	Donations	Legacy Awards	Cash Basis Total	Running Cash Projection	
Beginning Cash Balances 12/31/2024	38,428.44	29,022.98	(4,867.43)	1,914.38	(1,499.01)	3,725.19	86,724.55	(11,543.73)	(12,095.16)	10,095.16	52,416.57	52,416.57	
2025 Activity													
Receipts 2025:													
Pacifi Process	1,470.00	31,040.00		2,277.00	2,092.45	700.00	37,579.45	-	1,545.00	740.00	39,064.45	39,064.45	
Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475.78	-	-	475.78	475.78	
Interest Income/ Money Market Acct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Romeo's Total	1,470.00	31,040.00	-	2,277.00	2,092.45	700.00	37,579.45	475.78	1,545.00	740.00	40,345.23	40,345.23	
Expenses 2025:													
Paid			218.12	2,050.61	3,862.62	2,000.00	8,131.35	3,670.33	3,663.28	11,628.82	27,090.76	27,090.76	
Romeo's	1,890.21						1,890.21	-	-	-	1,890.21	1,890.21	
Paid-History Hills deposit 2025		1,000.00					1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Paid expenses for 2005		2,494.33					2,494.33	-	-	-	2,494.33	2,494.33	
History Hills		12,239.48					12,239.48	-	-	-	12,239.48	12,239.48	
Veterans													
Other													
CC Fees	13.96	509.96		44.05	31.14		599.11		21.31	37.54	657.96	657.96	
Unpaid Est.		275.00					275.00	2,137.68				2,412.68	
Total	1,104.17	16,518.77	218.12	2,094.66	3,893.78	2,000.00	25,820.48	5,807.93	3,684.57	11,663.36	44,572.74	44,572.74	
Net Cash Results for 2025	0	365.83	14,521.23	(218.12)	1,824.34	(1,801.31)	(1,300.00)	11,749.97	(5,330.15)	(2,139.57)	(10,803.36)	(4,332.51)	(8,645.11)
Net Cash Results 2021-2025	38,794.27	43,544.21	(5,085.55)	2,096.72	(3,300.32)	2,425.19	78,474.52	(16,875.88)	(14,088.98)	(828.20)	48,184.06	45,771.46	
Chase Bank Balance									7/31/2025		15,030.76		
in Process									Golf Dinner		-		
in Process									Golf Sponsors		-		
in Process									Golf Dinner Only		-		
in Process									Donation Gifts HOF, Veterans		-		
in Process									Legacy HOF		-		
in Process									Donations Golf		-		
in Process											-		
in Process											-		
Less: O/S Checks									Check # 1076		(840.00)		
Less: O/S Checks									Check # 1074		(70.00)		
Less: O/S Checks									Check # 1077		(243.00)		
Less: O/S Checks											-		
Chase Bank Account Book Basis											13,877.76		
Money Market Account at Stifel									7/31/2025		34,362.34		
Legacy Award Checks O/S											24,362.34		
Net Money Market Account Book Basis											48,239.10	45,771.46	
Total Cash Book and Running Balances									7/31/2025		(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)	
Corporate Operating Reserve											36,240.10	35,771.46	
Current Net Available Funds for Association Activities											(1,392.00)	(1,392.00)	
Legacy Funds Balance											36,870.10	34,381.46	
Net													



Pat Regan presented a new Report comparing our YTD Results to the Annual Plan as of 7/31/2025. With the conclusion of the Golf Outing ,we are pretty much past all the Major Events for 2025.

Events open for the balance of the year are Vets Day, Romeo's and Xmas Party, which usually perform near break- even. The other Major considerations are: Donation to Augustinians- ie. Health and Well Being Care. We gave \$7,000 in 2023.

Legacy/Gregor Mendel Award Collections are more seasonal as we mostly gain these receipts in non-Reunion years around Thanksgiving- Christmas time frame. We garnered \$6,350 in the Fall of 2024.



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

7/31/25

Initial Budget/Projection for 2025 Vs Actual YTD 7/31/2025												
	Actual Golf Romeo's	Plan Events Total	Actual YTD 7/31/2025	Difference	Plan Legacy Appeal	YTD Legacy 7/31/2025	Difference	Plan Grand Total	YTD Grand Total 7/31/2025	Remainder		
Receipts	22,000	22,000	32,510	10,510	15,000	740	(14,260)	37,000	33,250	3,750		
Expenses/Donations	(12,500)	(12,500)	(17,348)	(4,848)	(13,500)	(9,513)	3,987	(26,000)	(26,861)	861		
Net	9,500	9,500	15,162	5,662	1,500	(8,773)	(10,273)	11,000	6,389	4,611		
Corporate Costs (Insurance, Storage, Web Fees, Mendel Science Awards, HOF)	(b)	(7,740)	(6,514)	1,226	(2,150)	(2,150)	-	(9,890)	(8,664)	(1,226)		
Donations, Donations Gifts, Get Behind the Vest & Other Discretionary		(6,048)	(1,957)	4,091	-	-	-	(6,048)	(1,957)	(4,091)		
Corporate and Other Overhead Costs		(13,788)	(8,471)	5,317	-	(2,150)	-	(15,938)	(10,621)	(5,317)		
Net Activity		(4,286)	6,691	10,979	1,500	(10,923)	(10,273)	(4,938)	(4,233)	(705)		
Actual Cash Balance At 12/31/2024 (Chase Bank Account)		42,322	42,321	-	10,095	10,095	-	52,417	52,417			
Projected Cash Balances (Chase and Money Market Account)		38,034	49,012	10,979	11,595	(828)	(10,273)	47,479	48,184	(705)		
The Projection does not reflect interest income that will be earned on our Money Market Account which stood at \$40,000 as of 10/20/2025. Actual YTD= \$479												
Est for 2026:					Corp	Legacy	Total					
Operating Reserve for Corporate/Legacy Operating Costs					8,000	2,000	10,000					
Actual												
Legacy Awards	9,350											
Augustinian Assistance			8,500	\$8k plus \$500 for Certs								
			13,500	Funded \$7,000 for Health Coverage in 2022								
(b)				(a)								
\$2,150 for Augustinian Gala April 2025												
Classified as Lease												
New Crime Insurance Premium \$750 in actual 2025 was unbudgeted												
Legacy Receipts												
Donations												
Reunion						1,575						
Gregor Mendel Drive						6,365						
Monthly Donations						880						
Total						8,820						
Actual 2025 YTD												
Golf outings / Other						700						
Monthly						40						
Total						740						
Variance						(7,880)						
Groupings from Summary Tab:												
Corp												
Donations												
Ins, Web, Storage						(5,670)						
Int Income						476						
Net & Vest						(1,300)						
HOF						(1,801)						
Science Hall						(218)						
Total						(6,514)						
Grand Total												

John Mikenis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bill Duffy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board of Directors August 1, 2025 Configuration -Kelvin Lovely Vote/Installation of New Board Members for 8/1/25 to 7/31/28 Term

Eric James was presented to the Board as a possible replacement for John Wilson for a three-year term starting on August 1, 2025. The other Board Members whose terms expired on July 31, 2025 agreed to extend their terms for an additional three years until July 31, 2028.

Pat Regan was named Assistant Secretary as well as Treasurer.

Bob Fioretti made the motion to accept the proposed slate of Board Directors. David Milton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and Eric was welcomed to the Board.

**Mendel High School
Alumni Association
Board of Directors
Effective
August 1, 2025**

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 Triveline	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	Dan Rowan	8/1/23-7/31/26
BOD	Mike Frige	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	8/1/25-7/31/28
BOD	Bob Lopez	8/1/25-7/31/28
BOD	Dennis Heitzmann	8/1/25-7/31/28
BOD	Terry Gainer	8/1/23-7/31/25
BOD	Derek Lott	8/1/25-7/31/28
BOD	Jerome (J.C.) Crane	8/1/25-7/31/28
BOD	Bill Duffy	8/1/25-7/31/28
BOD	JAMES, ERIC	8/1/25-7/31/28
CHAIRMAN	BOD Kelvin Lovely	8/1/25-7/31/28
PRESIDENT	BOD Tom Gavin	8/1/25-7/31/28
VICE PRESIDENT	BOD John Mikenis	8/1/23-7/31/26
TREASURER	BOD Pat Regan	8/1/25-7/31/28
SECRETARY	BOD Mike Dreznes	8/1/25-7/31/28
		8/1/25 CHANGES
		12/1/24 CHANGES
		8/1/24 CHANGES

Locating Alumni Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the following chart to show the progress made since June 20, 2023 to locate missing Alumni. He emphasized that we cannot expect Alumni to participate in the Mendel Alumni activities if they are not aware of them. We need email addresses!

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/20/2023						8/5/25	YEAR	NAMES	UNSUBSCRIBE	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL	%
CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%								
1955	293	74	219	31	14.16%	SINCE START OF CAMPAIGN IN JUNE 2023	1955	287	2	174	111	55	48.55%
1956	274	83	191	28	14.66%		1956	275	1	142	132	58	43.94%
1957	250	51	199	27	13.57%		1957	252	0	119	133	54	40.60%
1958	325	49	276	54	19.57%		1958	322	0	151	171	88	51.46%
1959	377	52	325	71	21.85%		1959	377	5	182	190	112	58.95%
1960	413	67	346	53	15.32%		1960	409	4	211	194	120	61.86%
1961	366	55	311	59	18.07%		1961	363	7	152	204	126	61.76%
1962	318	121	197	140	71.07%		1962	318	5	137	176	151	85.80%
1963	376	57	319	60	18.88%		1963	375	1	161	213	129	60.56%
1964	440	45	395	80	20.25%		1964	436	6	134	296	214	72.30%
1965	488	62	426	55	12.84%	1549	1965	478	7	165	306	220	71.90%
1966	487	59	428	83	19.30%	More Deceased	1966	487	11	169	307	238	77.52%
1967	389	32	357	70	19.81%		1967	387	5	102	280	192	68.57%
1968	354	70	284	192	67.61%		1968	354	8	92	254	211	83.07%
1969	362	39	323	79	24.46%		1969	362	8	77	277	206	74.37%
1970	294	18	276	63	22.83%		1970	292	9	61	222	163	73.42%
1971	327	30	297	98	33.00%		1971	323	1	57	265	163	61.51%
1972	264	25	239	72	30.13%		1972	267	6	43	218	110	50.46%
1973	258	23	235	110	46.81%		1973	269	6	48	215	172	80.00%
1974	229	16	213	32	15.02%		1974	227	2	46	179	140	78.21%
1975	168	12	156	45	28.85%	2004	1975	168	0	26	142	71	58.00%
1976	140	5	135	23	17.08%	More Emails	1976	140	1	20	119	53	44.54%
1977	75	5	70	20	26.57%		1977	76	0	11	65	46	70.72%
1978	136	9	127	36	28.35%		1978	136	0	11	125	66	52.80%
1979	176	13	163	33	20.25%		1979	176	0	30	146	56	38.36%
1980	111	7	104	17	16.35%		1980	111	0	16	95	52	54.74%
1981	116	7	109	21	19.27%		1981	115	0	16	99	53	53.54%
1982	96	3	93	21	22.58%		1982	96	1	9	86	46	53.49%
1983	120	4	116	12	10.34%		1983	120	1	9	110	60	54.55%
1984	141	2	139	24	17.27%		1984	142	1	10	131	82	62.60%
1985	135	5	130	22	16.02%		1985	134	1	13	120	78	65.00%
1986	128	4	124	21	16.08%	ALUMNI	1986	128	2	19	107	64	59.81%
1987	137	4	133	30	22.56%		1987	138	1	8	129	82	63.57%
1988	99	2	97	16	16.49%		1988	99	0	11	88	55	62.50%
1989 MDP	111	3	108	2	1.80%		1989	112	0	4	108	3	2.78%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	1	1.14%		1990	88	0	0	88	7	7.95%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%		1991	90	0	2	88	0	0.00%
UNKN CLASS	61	1	60	13	21.67%		UNKN CLASS	61	0	5	56	17	30.36%
ALUMNI	9012	1115	7897	1814	22.97%		ALUMNI	8990	102	2643	6245	3813	61.06%
TEACHER	23	8	15	6	40.00%		TEACHERS	47	0	29	18	11	61.11%
TOTAL	9035	1123	7912	1820	23.00%		TOTAL	9037	102	2672	6263	3824	61.06%

Some classes are doing very well (blue 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.

The goal is to have good email addresses for 65% of the living Alumni. This is the first time we reached 61%. When the campaign started in June of 2023, we only had 23% of the email addresses for living Alumni.

Hall of Fame Committee Report -J.C. Crane

J.C. Crane asked for 2026 Mendel HOF Nominations. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2025. Mike Dreznes also asked for 2026 Chicago Catholic League HOF nominees. Don Ledin was suggested. Volunteers are needed to reach out to Don Ledin, and others, and to prepare their nomination forms before the February 6, 2026 Chicago Catholic League HOF application deadline.

2025 Website Committee Report-Rick Zarr

Rick Zarr gave John Farris 13 DVDs from the Hall of Fame Ceremony.

Rick Zarr gave a video card to Bill Johnson with all of the pictures that Tim Zimbauer and he took from the Golf Outing.

Mendel All-Class Picnic June 28, 2025 Recap-Mark Hubbard


Mark Hubbard announced that the 2025 All-Class Family Cookout was a big success. He said the 2026 Golf Outing should be on the same weekend as the All-Class Family Cookout.

Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing Recap-Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson presented a summary on the 26th Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing on Friday July 25. 2025. In spite of the rain, the Golf Outing was a big financial success.



Pat Regan presented the following Financial Summary on the Golf Outing:

		 MENDEL C.H.S. GOLF OUTING				Final 7/30/25	
	F=Fixed V= Variable	Budget 2025	Actual YTD 2024 Paid	Actual YTD 2025 Paid/In Process	Actual YTD 2025 Unpaid	Running Total 2025	Final Actual 2024
Revenue							
Golf fee per person		165.00			-		155.00
Min Golfers for 2025		80		109	-	109	95
Total Golf Revenue		13,200.00		17,855.00	-	17,855.00	14,625.00
Change from Prior Year				115%			
Dinner only per person		75.00					55.00
Total Dinner		-		980.00	-	980.00	495.00
Bags & Dinner				14	-	14	9.00
							75.00
							3
							225.00
Total Revenue for use of Golf Course/ Dinner		13,200.00		18,835.00	-	18,835.00	15,345.00
Hole Sponsorships	Based on Min golfers	3,298.68		7,295.00	-	7,295.00	2,875.00
Donations	Based expected Total Golfers	1,577.63		2,235.00	-	2,235.00	1,375.00
Split the pot	Based expected Total Golfers	1,049.84		495.00	-	495.00	915.00
Silent Auction	Based expected Total Golfers	470.42		-	-	-	410.00
Raffle	Based expected Total Golfers	533.53		1,395.00	-	1,395.00	465.00
Contests	Based expected Total Golfers	694.16		705.00	-	705.00	605.00
Photos	Based expected Total Golfers	556.47		80.00	-	80.00	465.00
Golf Outing Sponsor (Golf Carts)		1,500.00			-	-	1,500.00
Total Other Revenue		9,680.74		12,205.00	-	12,205.00	8,630.00
Total Revenue		22,880.74		31,040.00	-	31,040.00	23,975.00



MEDEL C.H.S GOLF OUTING

**Final
7/30/25**

Expense	F=Fixed V= Variable	Budget	Actual YTD	Actual YTD	Actual YTD	Running	Final
		2025	2024	2025	2025	Total	Actual
			Paid	Paid/in Process	Unpaid	2025	2024
Golf Fees Only		77.00				-	70.00
Golf Deposit		500.00		500.00	-	500.00	
Per Person Golf Fee		67.00		6,803.00	-	6,869.00	
On Course Fees		10.00		1,090.00	-	1,070.00	
Total Per Person Fee		77.00		-	-	-	70.00
Total Min Golf Fees in 2025	F	6,160.00		8,393.00	-	8,239.00	6,510.00
Dinner & Open Bar \$40 per person		40.00		4,420.00	-	4,500.48	38.00
Dinner Bar Deposit		500.00		500.00	-	500.00	
Total Dinner	F						
Total Min Dinner Fees in 2025	F	3,200.00		4,920.00	-	5,000.48	2,686.00
Total HH Costs		9,360.00		13,313.00	-	13,239.48	9,196.00
Temporary Cash Tills							
Golf balls (100 Golfers) Mendel Logo	F	500.00		465.30		465.30	504.60
Door prizes (\$300 paid in 2024)	F	250.00	300.00	420.00	-	420.00	500.00
Cash Tips to HH Staff	F	400.00		300.00	-	300.00	400.00
Office Supplies	F	150.00			250.00	250.00	129.85
Photo	F					-	
On-Site Assistance-Cash	F			300.00	-	300.00	
Sponsor signs	F	200.00		840.00		840.00	258.00
Postage	F						
Est Open Items	F				150.00	150.00	300.00
Total	V	1,500.00	300.00	2,325.30	400.00	2,725.30	2,092.45
CC Charges		390.45		509.96	125.00	634.96	340.30
Sub Total		1,890.45	300.00	2,835.26	525.00	3,360.26	2,432.75
Total Cost		11,250.45	300.00	16,148.26	525.00	16,599.74	11,628.75
Net		11,630.29		14,891.74	(525.00)	14,440.26	12,346.25

Alumni Golf Outing Comparison of Fees Charged vs Costs per person

	Hickory Hills Cost				HH		GE
	2025	2024	Change	%	2023	2022	
Golf	77.00	70.00	7.00	10%	65.00	66.00	
Dinner	40.00	38.00	2.00	5%	35.00	60.00	
Golf and Dinner	117.00	108.00	9.00	8%	100.00	126.00	

Fees:	Est	Actual	Actual	Actual
2025	2024	2023	2022	
Golf/Dinner	165.00	155.00	150.00	150.00
Dinner Only	60.00	55.00	50.00	50.00

Fee/Cost Factors:				
Golf/Dinner	141%	144%	150%	119%
Dinner Only	150%	145%	143%	83%

Break Even	6/4/2025
Fixed Costs	
HH	13,239.48
Other Fixed	2,725.30
Total Fixed Costs	15,964.78

Net Fees for Golf/Dinner	165.00
CC Fees	1.64%
CC Cost	2.71
Net Fees per Golfer	162.29

Golfers needed for B/E	
W/O Further Other Revenues	
W/O Dinner only	98

Net results of 95 Golfers	
Golf Fees	165.00
Per Person Golf HH	117.00
Net result	48.00
Increase over 80 Golfers	15
Total Net Increase	720.00



**Final
7/30/25**



All Board Members were asked to donate goods, services or cash to be used for raffle items or giveaways. All but two Board Members complied with this request.

The Board thanked Bill Johnson for his hard work, and Bill Johnson thanked the Golf Committee and all the Volunteers for making this Golf Outing such a huge success.



2025 GOLF OUTING: BY THE NUMBERS



109
GOLFERS



61*
SPONSORS

FOR \$7,295 IN SPONSOR DOLLARS *



BOTTOM LINE PROFIT \$14,440**



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**61 HOLE
SPONSORS,
\$7,295
SPONSOR
REVENUE, &
\$14,440 NET
PROFIT ALL WERE
NEW RECORD
HIGHS**

**RECORD
SETTING
PERFORMANCE**

The Board was asked for recommendations that could be used to make the 2026 Golf Outing even better than the 2025 Golf Outing. There was significant discussion among the Board Members.

Eric Rouse asked that the 2026 All Class Reunion be the same weekend as the Golf Outing in 2026. Members of the 1975 my class stated that would be preferable as many Alumni attend from out of town. At the 1975 Class 50th Reunion in June they had classmates from CA, LA, FL, TX, GA, and KY who would be more willing to come with both options on the same weekend.

The Golf Committee sent out the following survey to the 2025 Golf Outing Participants:

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2025 GOLF OUTING SURVEY

MENDEL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION JULY 25, 2025 GOLF OUTING PARTICIPANT SURVEY							
1) Please Rate the Overall Outing Experience	AMAZING	BETTER THAN MOST	NOT BAD	COULD BE BETTER	THE WORST		
2) Please Rate These Tournament Components 5- AMAZING, 1-THE WORST	COMMUNICATION	REGISTRATION	CHECK-IN	GOLF COURSE	FOOD	PROP BETS	RAFFLE
3) How Did You Hear About the Outing? (Check all that Apply)	E-MAIL	SOCIAL MEDIA	FLYER	PERSONAL INVITATION	WORD OF MOUTH	SIGN IN A BAR	OTHER
4) How Likely Are You To Play In This Outing Next Year?	DEFINITELY	MAYBE	NO WAY				
5) What Was One Thing You Loved About the Outing							
6) What Could we Do Better Next Year?							
7) Anything Else You Would Like To Share?							
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION & FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR							
PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY TO MIKE DREZNES (ZEKEDREZ@AOL.COM) OR CALL MIKE ON (707) 344-5878							

GO YOU, MEN OF MENDEL!

Based on the survey responses & the discussions at the Golf Committee Recap Meeting & the discussion at the Board of Directors Meeting, the following suggestions were made for 2026:

Suggestions from Golf Committee Meeting for 2026

- Clearly show that a hot dog and a beer are included in the price.
- Reduce the number of Raffle Prizes to simplify awarding and distribution of prizes. Combine items to make each raffle item worth at least \$150.
- To promote the raffle, announce the fact that raffle and prizes have a total value of \$XXX.
- Include a free raffle ticket with any shirt sale. (Possibly 1 raffle ticket for every \$15 spent on merchandise)
- We must get our Class Reps more involved to increase attendance from their Classmates.
- Delegate tasks to volunteers and put that person in charge, such as sales of the Split the Pot or Raffle Tickets
- We need to post all sponsors on the website.
- Do not wait until the end of the event to sing the Fight Song
- Consider taking photos inside before foursomes leave for their first tee.
- How much money did we receive from Dixon Golf?
- All agreed that one person needs to be the Golf Committee Chairperson. However, should we have assistants for the Committee Chairman?
- Start with the prior year foursomes and see who's returning.
- Get the class reps involved for foursome recruitment, hole sign and raffle prize solicitation. Get out and ask for hole sponsors and raffle prizes.
- Get some nice looking young women for split the pot and raffle prize solicitation (I'm serious).
- At check-in golfers should get a goody bag (golf balls, tees, ball marker, divot tool, sun screen, snack bar, etc.) as well give all golfers name tags.
- Return to longest drive and continue with closest to pin. Winning foursome gets \$200 and 2nd place \$100.
- No outside involvement (games). We need forward tees. These guys are getting old & just don't hit the ball far.
- A shorter course? Better rates? I know everyone likes Hickory Hills but this should be looked at in the future. A second opinion of sorts.
- Look at our pricing structure for golf/dinner and dinner. Some people think that everyone has a lot of money to spend but that's not necessarily true for some of the Alumni.
- The later Mendel classes must get involved to keep these events going.
- Allow Older Guys To Play From Closer Tees
- Clarify "Scramble" term in the instruction sheet. There are many variables in "Scramble" games
- Fix the Sound System! Finally, start now.



Mendel "Jam Session" Update -David Ireland

David Ireland was not able to attend the meeting. Rick Zarr announced that he can access a venue near Oak Brook, Illinois once the decision is made to pursue the event.

Class of 1975 50th Anniversary Celebration Report-Eric Rouse

Approximately sixty members of the 1975 Class met at Gwendolyn Brooks High School in the morning of Saturday June 7, 2025. They then went to Baroccos Pizza for dinner. The organizing committee did an excellent job planning and implementing the event.

Eric Rouse requested that the 2026 Golf Outing be held the same weekend as the All-Class Reunion where the Class of 1975 will be Honored Guests for their 50th Anniversary.

Catholic League HOF Monarch Nominations Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes reminded the Board that the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Nominations must be submitted by February 6, 2026.

It was suggested that Don Ledin be considered. The Board needs someone to work with Don Ledin to confirm his interest and to initiate his application. Don Ledin is in the Mendel HOF.

Pope Leo XIV was mentioned as another Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Nominee. Mike Dreznes offered to discuss this possibility with Tom McCarthy at St. Rita High School.

NEW BUSINESS

Gregor Mendel Birthday Donation to Retired Augustinians

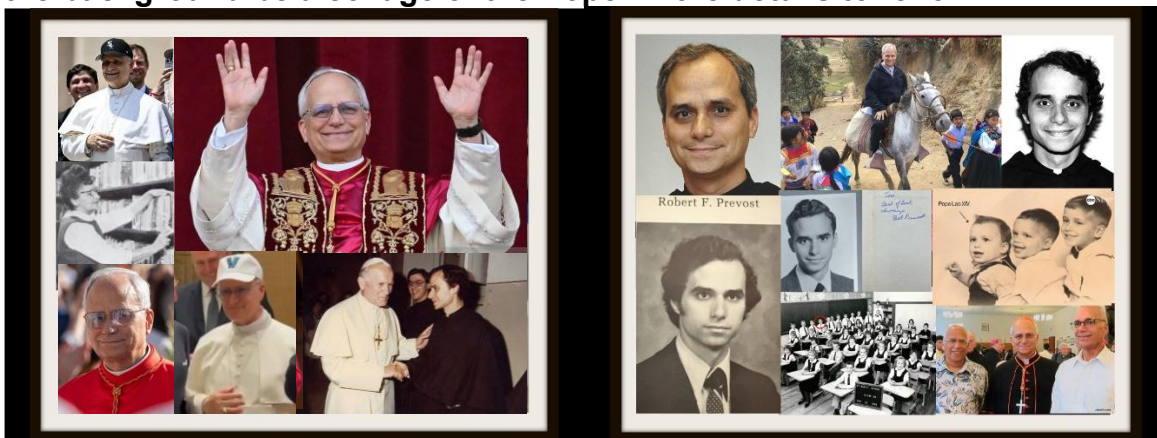
Gregor Mendel's birthday is July 20, 2025. The Board proposed presenting \$5,000 for the retired Augustinians. This was already in the budget and it could become an annual tradition on Gregor Mendel's birthday. Pat Regan made the motion to present the \$5,000 to the Augustinians. Terry Gainer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal to Review of the Articles of Association - Kelvin Lovely

Kelvin Lovely advised that he is reviewing the existing Mendel Alumni Association Articles of Association. He will present his proposal for a rewrite at the first Board Meeting in 2026.

Pope Leo XIV Shrine in Gregor Mendel Hall at St. Rita-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes reported that he talked to Tom McCarthy who agreed that a shrine to Pope Leo XIV would be a good idea. He proposed that the shrine be in the St. Rita Chapel Vestibule, and the background be a collage of the Pope. More details to follow.



Augustinian Boat Tour Concept-Mike Dreznes

Terry Lynch ('66) has a friend who owns the Chicago Line Cruises offered the Mendel Alumni Association a complimentary Architectural Tour down the Chicago River.

Chicago Line.com



Terry suggested a Boat Cruise to honor the Midwest Augustinians, There are 56 Midwest Augustinians. Fr. Tom Griffin offered to help to coordinate the cruise. More details to follow.

UPDATE: A conference call is scheduled for Tuesday August 12 to discuss plans for this cruise. This will NOT be a fundraiser. Terry Johnson is donating the boat and the open bar. The Alumni Association will supply wrapped sandwiches from Subway or Jimmy Johns, or something similar.

This will NOT be used as a fundraiser for the Pope's Shrine at St. Rita. However, we can use the cruise as the opportunity to announce the Shrine. We could call the Cruise "The Augustinian River Cruise" or something like that.

The boat will be the Fort Dearborn, which can easily accommodate 100 passengers. It will be a two-hour cruise down the Chicago River. The boat leaves from a dock that is just west of Navy Pier. There will NOT be anyone narrating the architect tour. This is designed to be purely a social event.

We should consider hiring a bus or an Uber to get the Augustinians from Crown Point to the dock.

Terry Johnson suggests we have the cruise at 5 PM on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in early September. I suggest September 9, 10 or 11. The St. Rita Award ceremony is at 9:30 on September 10. We could invite the two winners to join us on the cruise.

It was suggested that each Augustinian be allowed to bring a guest, if he or she desires. We should also invite the Board of Directors to attend as cruise hosts. Comments are welcomed.


Discovery of Sixteenth Monarch killed in Vietnam-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel explained that he was notified by a Mendel Alum that we were not including James Sachaschik ('67) in our list of Veterans who were killed in Vietnam. Research verified that James Sachashik did die in Vietman on February 24, 1970 and he is on the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. He is the 16th Monarch killed in Vietnam.


Military Hall of Honor

Memento Semper


"Time will not dim the glory of their deeds." General of the Armies John J. Pershing




1st FIELD FORCE VIETNAM




1st BATTALION 50th INFANTRY



"A" COMPANY



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS




INFANTRYMAN

JAMES HARRY SACHASCHIK
 "A" Company, 1st Battalion (mechanized), 50th Infantry
 Private First Class, E5, US35142250, MOS 11B10
 Home of Record: Dalton, IL
 Date of Birth: April 19, 1949, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
 1 Field Force Vietnam, Binh Triem Province, Republic of Vietnam
 Start of Tour: November 3, 1969, Incident Date: February 7, 1970
 Died of Wounds: February 24, 1970
 Days in Country: 113, Casualty Type: AO, CED, Panel 13W, Row 052

PFC James Sachaschik was severely wounded on February 7th while searching a deserted enemy base camp. Company A had found an enemy base camp with at least 10 bunkers. While beginning a search of the area, Sachaschik and another man were severely wounded when a booby trapped 165mm artillery shell was set off. Dust-off Med-evac was called and the Company withdrew and called in an artillery strike on the base camp. Sachaschik survived for 17 days in an Army Hospital before he succumbed to his wounds on February 24th.

He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device (For Heroism), posthumously.


A map of the location (AN768162) is shown below.




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1st C. JAMES SACHASCHIK KIA SITE

C Sachaschik is buried with his Mother and Father, Rose and Fred, at Oak Hill Cemetery, 119th & Kedzie avenue, between S. Central Park Avenue and S. Kedzie Avenue in Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois. He is buried at the Garden of Meditation Mausoleum building, East Wall, Pier 4, Crypt 36. The Cemetery is also buried to an Oak Hill - Merrionette Park Cemetery.




JAMES SACHASCHIK'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR
HQ 1st FIELD FORCE VIETNAM 24 MARCH 1970
GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 326

FOR HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SACHASCHIK DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF WHILE SERVING AS A REFLMAN ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION WITH HIS PLATOON. ON 7 FEBRUARY 1970, HIS UNIT WAS SEARCHING AN ENEMY BASE CAMP AREA AND BUNKER COMPLEX SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN BOOBYTRAPPED BY THE ENEMY. WHILE SEARCHING THE AREA ON FOOT, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SACHASCHIK WAS BASTLY WOUNDED WHEN A VIET CONG BOOBY TRAP WAS DETONATED NEAR HIM. ALTHOUGH HE LATER SUGGESTED TO HIS WOUNDS, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS IN THE AREA OF THE EXPLOSION. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SACHASCHIK'S LOYALTY AND VALOR WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign

The Mendel Page honoring the Monarchs killed in Vietnam has been updated.

MEN OF MENDEL KILLED IN VIETNAM WAR





	PFC JAMES SACHASCHIK MENDEL CLASS OF 1967 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM FEBRUARY 24, 1970		
	CPT EDWIN HEISSE US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1957 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 24, 1971		
	2LT WILLIAM F. OTTO US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1959 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM MAY 11, 1966		
	MAJ JEFFREY LEMON USAF MENDEL CLASS OF 1961 MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS APRIL 25, 1971		
	1LT RONALD J. JANOUSEK USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 MIA IN VIETNAM AUGUST 9, 1969		
	LTJG WILLIAM SCHOLTEN US NAVY MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 PLANE CRASHED TAKING OFF FROM THE KITTY HAWK AIRCRAFT CARRIER JUNE 15, 1970		
	SP4 WILLIAM C. GEIS US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1964 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JANUARY 28, 1966		

	LCpl WILLIAM J. OSKILANE USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1964 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 16, 1968		
	PFC ALAN BUTKUS US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 12, 1968		
	PFC CRAIG M. CLANCY USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1969		
	PFC JACK DALTON US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM NOVEMBER 21, 1966		
	LCpl ROBERT MILLER USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 6, 1967		
	PFC JERRY FLEMING US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1968		
	PFC JAMES LAWLOR US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 25, 1967		
	PFC FRANCIS SCHWARTZ US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM AUGUST 14, 1968		
	PFC ROBERT HOJNACKI US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1969 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 22, 1971		

Plans for Mendel Alumni Association All-Class Reunion 2026

A graphic for the Mendel Catholic High School All Class Reunion. It features a large dark blue circle in the center with the text "Mendel Catholic High School ALL CLASS REUNION" in yellow. Below the circle, it says "Featuring the 50th Anniversaries for the 1975 & 1976 Classes". The background is a pattern of yellow and blue triangles.

Mendel Catholic High School ALL CLASS REUNION

Featuring the 50th Anniversaries
for the 1975 & 1976 Classes

The 1975 Class will be Honored Guests (50 Years), along with the 1976 Class (50 Years) as well as the 1955 Class (Our First 70 Year Class) at the 2026 Mendel Alumni Association All-Class Reunion. The 1965 and 1966 Classes (60 Years) and the 1985 and 1986 Classes (40 Years) will Special Guests.

Mike Dreznes asked for volunteers to join the organizing committee for the All-Class Reunion in 2026. Bob Lopez had previously offered to serve. Mike Dreznes had sent an email blast to the 1975 and 1976 Class to ask them to create an Organizing Committee. Only Eric Rouse ('75) and William Marshall ('76) responded positively.

Mike Dreznes hoped that some 1975 and 1976 Classmates step up to be the leaders for this Reunion.

Mike Dreznes expressed a real concern that the known email addresses for the 1975 Class and the 1976 Class are among the lowest of all classes. (50% for 1975 and 44% for 1976) This could create notification problems. He asked for help from the Board to coordinate this Reunion.

Logical choices for the event are either Gaelic Park or Hickory Hills Golf Course. The last Reunion was held on May 3, 2024 at Gaelic Park.

Eric Rouse did request that the Reunion becomes the "Reunion Weekend" by scheduling the Reunion on Friday and the Golf Outing on Saturday. Another possibility is to have the Reunion on Friday and the All-Class Family Cookout on Saturday.

All Board Members were asked to plan to participate in the organizing process and to attend the combined "Reunion Weekend."

Chicago Cubs Game Fundraiser in 2026

The Alumni Association was invited by the Chicago Cubs to organize an outing at Wrigley Field at a game this year. The Board agreed that the concept sounded good, and it should be considered in 2026, possibly as a part of the “Reunion Weekend.”

Hi Michael,

I hope all is well!

I’m reaching out because I noticed that you explored a Cubs rental space in the past and I want to see if you are interested in more information about all-inclusive spaces for this summer.

Premier rental spaces, including the Budweiser Patio, accommodate groups starting at just 8-guests and are available for most remaining games!

May I assist in setting up a call with your Cubs representative, Sam, to discuss this further?

Thank you,

Vanessa Lee | Ticket Sales Assistant
Chicago Cubs
773-404-4200
Wrigley Field | 1060 W. Addison St. | Chicago, IL 60613

Set Next Meeting Date

The next BOD Zoom Meeting will be on Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 7 PM Chicago time.

Closing Prayer-Fr. Tom Griffin

Fr. Tom Griffin O.S.A. closed the meeting with a prayer thanking God for a productive meeting and he mentioned the Monarchs that had passed since the last Board Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM Chicago time.

