

**Archmere Academy Alumni Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2002**

**Council Members Present:** Tom Anderson, Kert Anzilotti, Carmen Franceschino, Jack Haley, Dick Joyce, Noelle Lauer Ippolito, Peter Mariani, Al Minutola, Sue Padien, Mike Pembroke, Ray Radulski, and T.J. Voell

**Excused Absences:** Marc Albero, John Barnum, Earl Francis, Ed Gallagher, and Marty Londergan

**Unexcused Absences:** Bob McCann

**Others Present:** Father Mullen, Bob Dunn, and Tom Mallon

**Honorary Members Not Present:** Mike Dowling, Danielle Kissel, Lynn Mineo and Paul Pomeroy

1. Opening Prayer
  - Father Mullen offered the opening prayer and the meeting was called to order by Carmen.
2. Revisions and Update of By-laws
  - Mike Pembroke handed out copies of the proposed revisions to the current by-laws and the council discussed the proposed changes one by one.
  - All voting members of Council who were present voted to amend the by-laws with the proposed changes, but then it was determined that the vote could not be approved because according to the original by-laws a minimum of 15 voting members need to be present to enact any changes.
    - Thus, Carmen will solicit the absent members for their vote, and changes to the by-laws will take effect once the 3 additional required votes are secured.
    - A motion was made to accept the amendment of the current voting members; motion was passed.
3. Proposal to Donate Tractor/Utility Vehicle in Place of Athletic Van
  - Tom Mallon stated that one of the school's tractor/utility vehicles broke down a few weeks ago, and it was determined that it wasn't cost effective to have it repaired. Thus, Tom asked the Council to consider purchasing a new one for the school (approximate cost is \$7,500) rather than donating money towards the purchase of the athletic van, as had previously been approved.
  - Some discussion ensued about the "visibility" of this vehicle, and whether or not the Alumni Association would receive the same recognition from this vehicle as it would have from the plaque on the athletic van. Tom explained that this is a "Gator" vehicle, and will be used throughout the campus on a daily basis, thus providing much more exposure for the Alumni Association than the athletic van would.
  - It was voted on and approved to change our donation from the money towards the athletic van (\$5,000 before June, \$5,000 in the Fall) to the purchase of the new utility vehicle now (\$7,500). No further monetary donation will be made in the Fall.
4. Proposal for the School to Purchase Varsity Shop Inventory from Council

- Tom Mallon explained that the School has decided to offer “online” book sales, students will no longer purchase their books directly from School. This is being done in an effort to create more of a “bookstore-type” atmosphere for the students. Thus, the School would like to purchase the existing Varsity Shop Inventory from the Alumni Association, with the caveat that the Alumni Association reserves the right to sell Varsity Shop items at school functions (such as Homecoming and the Annual Sports Banquet) and retain profits from items sold at such events.
  - Al stated that he believed it would be a “good thing” for us to no longer have responsibility for managing the Varsity Shop, stating it had been “a thorn in our side.”
  - The Alumni Association will retain the right to promote and sell select items in the on-line catalog, such as the Garden Stones and Slates; per Peter, there are many available SKUs on the website for such purposes.
  - Peter asked if 1932 Club Members would still be eligible to receive a 10% discount on Varsity Shop items; Tom Mallon said that would be fine.
  - Peter stated that he would like to petition the school for some of the space (or even a lockable closet) that will now become available because of the book storage area being vacated.
    - Father Mullen said that was not likely to happen because too many other parties were ahead of the Alumni Association on a waiting list for available space.
- It was decided that an inventory needs to take place by June 30<sup>th</sup>, and afterwards we have to decide how to transition everything over the coming summer months.
- Al mentioned the idea of setting up an “escrow” account to reflect charter memberships in the 1932 Club, rather than using that money outright. In turn, Mike Pembroke asked why that was really necessary. Al thought we should use that money as a “rainy day fund” in case we experience a year where one or more of our events get rained out.
- The bottom line is that nothing really changes regarding the management of the Varsity Shop, except that now the School will be responsible for maintaining and replenishing the inventory supply.
- Al wrapped up the discussion by stating that the one reverse action which has to happen is that the School now has to provide the Alumni Association with a “Good Will Budget” of merchandise to be used for giveaways, as we have done in the past for the school.
- Al called for a motion to accept the proposal to transfer the inventory and management of the Varsity Shop back to the School, based on working out details over the summer (with a September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline). The motion was unanimously approved.

#### 5. New York Happy Hour

- Noelle stated that we have \$2,000 in our budget since we didn’t hold a Happy Hour in the Spring, and said that the idea had been presented to host a happy hour in New York so that New York area alumni could have a chance to get together, in addition to having the chance to meet with Paul Myoda ’85 who is one of the co-creators of the “Phantom Towers” light display which recently took place at the World Trade Center site.
- The proposed date for this event is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at a “TBD” bar in New York City (Tom Mallon has been working on finalizing a location and expected that a site would be chosen by Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>).
- Tom Mallon mentioned that the Development Office is willing to split the costs of the event with the Alumni Association.

- Mike Pembroke suggested that we need a commitment of at least 10 New York area alumni to attend in order for this event to be successful and Carmen pointed out that details need to be finalized as soon as possible since we need to start promoting the event.
  - Peter stated that we will be able to e-mail a direct list of possible attendees and that it can be sent as soon as a site is selected.
- Noelle told Tom Mallon that she needs a list of New York area alumni.
- A motion was passed to allocate \$1,000 from our budget towards this Happy Hour.

#### 6. Other Business

- Noelle is working on organizing a 5k run to coincide with Homecoming weekend, as well as the idea of a “Family Fun Night” (going to a movie for example) based on input we received from the recently conducted alumni poll.
- T.J. Voell mentioned that the Headmaster’s Dinner which was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> was very nice and that everyone seemed to enjoy being back in the Patio. He also mentioned that honorary Council member, Paul Pomeroy III, had just been named “Republican of the Year.”
- Sue inquired as to the status of the relocation of priests from the Immaculate Conception Priory.
  - Carmen mentioned that the Corporate Members meet every 7-8 weeks and that things are progressing forward.
  - Father Mullen informed the group that Abbot DeWane has extended his term at Archmere through to next April.
  - The sign on Philadelphia Pike is being changed to read “Archmere Academy: A Catholic School in the Norbetine Tradition” and it will hopefully be in place in time for graduation weekend.
- Al stated that the Doubletree Hotel, last year’s location for the Sports Banquet, has not yet cashed our check for the deposit on this year’s event and proposed that we might want to stop payment on the check if it was thought we would be able to hold this year’s banquet in the Patio
  - Father Mullen said he would have to present the request to the Board. He will have an answer for the Council within 30 days.

#### 7. Next Council Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 PM