

**Archmere Academy Alumni Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2002**

Council Members Present: Marc Albero, Tom Anderson, Kert Anzilotti, Carmen Franceschino, Dick Joyce, Noelle Lauer Ippolito, Peter Mariani, Bob McCann, Al Minutola, Sue Padien, Mike Pembroke, and T.J. Voell

Excused Absences: Earl Francis, Ed Gallagher, Jack Haley, Marty Londergan, and Ray Radulski

Unexcused Absences: John Barnum

Others Present: Theresa Carroll, Michele D'Angelo, Bob Dunn, and Tom Mallon, and Father Mullen

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

1. Opening Prayer
 - Father Mullen offered the opening prayer and thanked everyone for the get-well cards and wishes he received over the summer.
2. Budget Update
 - Al Minutola stated that there is no budget yet for this fiscal year because he needs committee chairpersons to submit their budget figures as soon as possible.
 - All budgets are due in to Al by the next meeting, October 10th.
3. Nomination Committee Report
 - Mike Pembroke stated that the nomination committee has been on vacation since last month's meeting and reminded everyone to please submit nominations for elected positions as soon as possible.
 - The names of those running for elected positions will be announced at next month's meeting.
 - Sue Padien announced that she has decided to not seek re-election to the Executive Committee and will be resigning from the council at the end of the term in December.
 - Sue said she would still chair the "Visit with Santa" event on December 14th.
4. Special Social Events
 - Noelle Lauer Ippolito stated that the "Alumni Get-Together" is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at "Timothy's on the Waterfront" in Wilmington. A \$10 donation will be requested at the door to help defray costs.
 - Noelle also mentioned that the logistics are still being worked on for the "5K Run/Walk" – there have been questions amongst the committee regarding dates, time, etc.
 - Noelle lastly stated that the committee is trying to coordinate a "family event," such as "movie night" which will take place sometime after Homecoming.
 - Tom Mallon mentioned that Tom Coyne's movie has been released for screening, and that might be a possible movie to show for the "family event."

5. Status of Activities

- Auktion Update
 - Tom Mallon said that the second committee meeting had just taken place, and that at this point things are still in the preliminary planning stages.
 - The theme of this year's Auktion will be, "There's No Place Like Home" (i.e., Wizard of Oz) and the Auktion will be held in the Patio.
 - Al suggested that a "classic car" be used for the Grand Prize Drawing this year, but Tom replied that the committee had already decided that a "Mercedes Compressor" will be used as the Grand Prize this year.

- Annual Fund
 - Tom Mallon said that the first mailing will be dropping in 2-3 weeks, and that this year's goal is again \$250,000. The school is looking for 100% participation from all associations/groups affiliated with the school.

- Homecoming/Reunion
 - Tom Mallon stated that the letter with schedules and information has already been mailed out, and that thanks to Peter there have already been a lot of online orders for tickets.
 - Tom said that this year's event will be spread out differently than in year's past due to the current construction around the science building – events will take place up closer to the Patio and tennis courts.

- Fall Program Book
 - Peter passed around the cover and draft version of the book for people to see/edit.
 - Peter mentioned that we've had an 85% renewal rate on the ads from last year's book, and that we currently have 3 more pages of total ads as compared to last year (27.75 pages in 2002; 24.75 in 2001), many of which are new ads from alumni, thanks to word of mouth and referrals.
 - The book has to go to the printer next week

- Sports Banquet
 - With Ed's absence, Peter said he needs help with the plaques, caterer (Lemon Tree Catering) and the registration table at the event.
 - T.J. said that he would help with the caterer, and Carmen said that he would help with the plaques.
 - As a reminder, there are 3 inductees who need plaques – no honorary inductions are being bestowed this year.

- Golf Outing
 - Mike Pembroke stated that as of today, there are 94 people signed up to play (51 have paid) - we need to get the money in from those who haven't paid yet.
 - Mike worked with the staff at Delaware National to select the menu, and also mentioned that dealing with the staff at Delaware National has been a pleasure.
 - There will be 3 tables out front for registration, and we can hang the alumni banner from one of these tables.
 - Mike needs to give a final head count (for food) to the club on Friday, October 4th.
 - Standard Beer has agreed to donate 5 kegs of beer to the event.

- Mike discussed the “giveaways” in the bags, and said that we need to buy about 100 of the Archmere coffee mugs from the Varsity Shop.
 - Al mentioned that we have some extra money to spend (approximately \$3,000) because we have secured a major sponsor this year (Alliance North America Life Insurance). With this extra money they plan to buy all the golf shirts.
 - Tom Mallon said that we can expect 3-4 volunteers from the school to help out on the day of the event, and that one of them will bring the digital camera from the school to take photos (probably Laura).
 - Al reminded everyone that any and all raffle items are welcomed.
- AA Website
 - Peter stated that there has been lots of activity in the alumni directory, many people have been updating their information.
- 1932 Club
 - We have picked up 5 new charter memberships (which now total 32) and have received about 25 annual memberships for the 2002-2003 year (this number includes both new and renewed members).
 - Sue suggested we send a “please renew” email, specifically targeted to those members who have paid in the past, but haven’t yet done so for this fiscal year.
- Blue Rocks Recap
 - Peter said the event was lots of fun, but that the event didn’t have as good a turnout this year because of the high ticket price, and maybe because we moved the event into August as opposed to in years past when it was held at the end of July.
 - Peter further said that for next year’s event we’ll have to decide if we really want to be in the picnic area again. If so, we would probably have to subsidize the cost of tickets, especially for the kids.
 - Mike Pembroke mentioned that we should ask the Blue Rocks organization to lower the cost of the child’s ticket.
 - Pete replied that he mentioned this to them in a “post event” survey that they sent to him.
6. Volunteers Needed for Golf Outing/Homecoming/Reunion
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for everyone to sign up where they were available to help. The finalized list was then given back to Tom Mallon.
7. Other Business
- Father Mullen mentioned that a 70th Anniversary Mass was being held at the school on Friday, October 11th. Parents and Alumni are invited, but a mailing was not sent out to everyone due limited space in the Performing Arts Center. There will be a reception immediately following the mass in the Patio (The Mother’s Guild is organizing the reception).
8. Next Council Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 10th** – 6:30 PM