

Archmere Academy Alumni Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2003

Council Members Present: Marc Albero, Tom Anderson, Bob Dunn, Michele D'Angelo, Carmen Franceschino, Earl Francis, Dick Joyce, Noelle Lauer, Peter Mariani, Bob McCann, Al Minutola, Mike Pembroke, Phil Toman, TJ Voell, John Yasik

Unexcused Absences: Marty Londergan, Ed Gallagher

Others Present: Theresa Carroll, Tom Mallon, Mike Mattesino, Dick Berl, Lee Stein

1. Opening Comments

- a. Carmen Franceschino again urged the council to get involved and to participate. Noelle Lauer volunteered to co-chair the Auktion for this year with Michele D'Angelo.

2. Financial Update

- a. Al Minutola reviewed the budget for next year.
 - i. There are four items that make money for the Council: Advertising Book, 1932 Club, MBNA Card, and Golf Outing
 - ii. The Advertising Book costs \$4000.00. Al Minutola urged Council members to start getting new ads for the book.
 - iii. The price of the Golf Outing was discussed. Last year the committee members charged \$150.00/person. The actual cost to play was \$110.00/person. Money was made last year on this event. This year's golfers will be charged \$175.00/person to play. This price will not include a t-shirt, unlike last year. Mike Pembroke said that he cannot rationalize raising the price *and* taking the golf shirt away. John Yasik made a comment that he does not sign up to play golf to get a t-shirt. He went on to comment that the shirts should not be the most important part of the day.

3. Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Committee Report

- a. Bob McCann handed out a ballot to vote for the four members that will be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame this year at the Sports Banquet. Bob McCann, Dick Joyce, Michele D'Angelo, Noelle Lauer, Dick Berl, and Mike Pembroke spoke on behalf of the nominees.
- b. The winners were: Harrison, Johnson, Cicconte, and Porter. Dan Mastro is deceased and will be an honorary member. There was a tie for 5th place: Mattesino and Hayes. Mike Mattesino, the son of the nominee, spoke and his

father's behalf and removed his father from the ballot. His father graciously declined.

- c. Bob McCann asked for feedback on honoring a team at the Sports Banquet. John Yasik suggested honoring accomplished track teams along with another team. Bob McCann wanted to put this topic on hold until the next meeting for further discussion.

4. Farewell to Jack Haley

- a. Phil Toman had a certificate made for Jack. The certificate had the corporate seal and was ready to be signed by Carmen and Peter. John Yasik suggested ordering an Archmere Chair for him as well for his many years of service.

5. Presidential Appointment to fill Jack Haley's Position

- a. Carmen said that he is still working on finding people that he would like to appoint. Steve Crifasi is very interested in the position.

6. Special Social Events-Happy Hours

- a. Money has been set aside to do out-of-town happy hours for this year's budget (\$250.00/each).
- b. The Atlanta Happy Hour on April 29th was a success. Peter Mariani met with 6 alumni from the Atlanta area. One of the concerns that was consistently brought up from these alumni was about the Norbertines and was would be happening in the future with the order as a result of the events that occurred in the past.
- c. John Yasik finalized plans for the May 15th Happy Hour at McKenzie's in PA. 7-10 PM will be the timeframe for this event. During this time, the Council will pay for beer, wine, and light munchies. John is working on getting an appearance by the Auk. Mike Mattesino volunteered to be the Auk if no one else fit into the costume. Donations will be asked for upon entering the bar area.
- d. John Yasik suggested having the happy hours at the same time each year. In the past, the happy hours occurred in January and May when alumni were home from college and in October to kick off Homecoming.
- e. Marc Albero recommended having someone in each of the major cities to be the point person to organize the out-of-town happy hours. The Council member who will be traveling will also be present to help out and pay for the event.

7. Status of Activities

- a. Auktion
 - i. Tom Mallon said that there will be a wrap-up meeting on May 21, 2003 for the last Auktion. Mike Pembroke said that the new committee members need to request more space and better organization for next year's event.

b. The Annual Fund

- i. There are six weeks left for the campaign and we are 40 K short of goal.
- ii. Carmen again urged the Council members for 100% participation in the fund. Currently, we are at 75% with the Council.

c. Memorial Mass

- i. Phil Toman asked the Council for ideas on how to better promote this event. Michele D'Angelo and Noelle Lauer recommended having it on Sunday, the day after Homecoming since people will already be in town. Another idea that was presented was to have a monetary commitment ahead of time, such as 5\$ towards the mass so that people have a vested interest in coming to the mass.

d. Blue Rocks

- i. July 14, 2003-All are welcome to come to the Pepsi Pavilion for dinner. 100 tickets will need to be sold for this event.

e. Annual Council Gift

- i. Traditionally, the gift would be specific towards a specific cause such as: athletic projects (uniforms), items that the teachers need (computers), the Scholarship Fund, and the Annual Fund. Carmen recommended that we give our gift to the Capital Campaign.

f. Capital Campaign

- i. Carmen proposed that we give a pledge of 5K/year over 5 years. Mike Pembroke wanted to know if a pledge was a commitment. Tom Mallon said yes, that it would go on the books. There was a lot of discussion around this topic because this 5K would be the Council's gift every year for the next 5 years. We will not be able to give to a specific project.
- ii. Peter Mariani suggested that we give a small donation for the 2003 fiscal year. Then, we could donate another gift on July 1, 2003 for the next fiscal year. All agreed that we, the Council, want to be first on the list for donating to the Capital Campaign.
- iii. Tom Mallon said that there would be numerous opportunities to have plaques around the campus based on our donation.

- iv. Peter Mariani made a motion for the Council make a \$2500 donation to the Scholarship Fund. Mike Pembroke second the motion. All of the present voting members were in favor of this donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

1. July 14, 2003, Blue Rocks
2. July 17, 2003, Council Dinner with Tom Mallon
3. October 6, 2003, Golf Outing
4. October 17, 2003, Sports Banquet
5. October 18, 2003, Homecoming/Reunions
 - a. (This event will be the third Saturday in October, annually).
6. November 14, 2003, Career Day
7. December 14, 2003, Visit with Santa
8. March 6, 2004, Aukition
9. March 28, 2004, Memorial Mass
10. April 23, 2004, Career Day

Action Items:

1. Carmen will fill Jack Haley's position
2. All Council members will donate to the Annual Fund
3. A decision will be made at next meeting which team (s) will be honored at the Sports Banquet
4. Prepare ideas to give to Phil Toman on how to increase attendance at the Memorial Mass

Quotes of the meeting:

Bob McCann: "I don't chase ambulances, I *catch* ambulances...Give me some credit!"

Mike Pembroke: "Deceased people should not be inducted into the Hall of Fame. They will not be a good draw because they will not be able to make a speech."

There will be NO meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 17, 2003. Tom Mallon will be taking the council out for dinner.