

Archmere Academy Alumni Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Council Members Present:

Marc Albero, Tom Anderson, Theresa Carroll, Carmen Franceschino, Earl Francis, Dick Joyce, Noelle Lauer, Peter Mariani, Al Minutola, Phil Toman, TJ Voell

Excused Absences:

Michele D'Angelo, Ed Gallagher, Steve Crifasi, Neil Dougherty, Bob Dunn, Mike Pembroke, John Yasik

Unexcused Absences:

Bob McCann

Others Present:

Lee Stein

1. Opening Comments-Carmen F.
 - a. Carmen passed around the sign-up sheet for Event/Committee responsibilities for the fall.
 - b. Carmen discussed the gift that the Council will be giving to the school in the amount of \$2500.
VOTE: TJ motioned to accept the amount for the gift. Tom Anderson second the motion. All were in favor of the amount for the gift.

2. Headmaster Search Committee-Tom A.
 - a. The Board of Trustees will be deciding if there will be a principal and/or headmaster to take Fr. Collins' place
 - b. The job description for Headmaster was sent out. The goal is to have a permanent headmaster by the fall.

3. Financial Update-Al M.
 - a. We received \$6700 in 2002-2003 for selling the Varsity Shop merchandise.
 - b. We received the final payment for the Varsity Shop (\$4300) in 2003-2004 fiscal year. Al stated that this would be the first year that we will be working without the income from the Varsity Shop.
 - c. \$2465K net for this fiscal year; there is a carry-forward balance of 12,500K.
VOTE: Motion to accept budget-TJ Voell, Tom Anderson, second; all were in favor of the budget.
 - d. Questions arose around charging for the Memorial Mass. Lee Stein suggested that we have a pancake breakfast on the same day as the mass and have

participants pay for their breakfast. We will cook for the guests out of the cafeteria kitchen-Alumni Breakfast.

4. Social Committee

- a. The next Happy Hour will be at McKenzie's in PA on May 13, 2004 from 7-10 PM. We need to be more aggressive in asking for the \$10.00 donation to offset some of the incurred costs for this event.

5. Status of Activities

a. Auktion-Tom Mallon

- i. Tom notes that people still owe money for items that they won from the Auktion.
- ii. The Auktion raised about 65-75K.

b. The Annual Fund-Tom Mallon

- i. A few weeks ago, the total was estimated at 250K with the goal being 225K, which was obviously broken.
- ii. A third mailing will go out shortly.

c. Capital Campaign-Tom Mallon

- i. The campaign is going well with two gifts of 75/100K recently.
- ii. So far the total is \$1.3 million in gifts.
- iii. Tom asked us to pass along any leads for gifts.

d. Alumni Basketball-Al M.

- i. On May 20, 2004 the game will take place.

e. Sports Banquet-Peter M.

- i. On October 15, 2004, this event will take place.
- ii. Peter urged everyone to get ads for the booklet.
- iii. Three ads/member is all that is needed.
- iv. The pricing for this event needs to be re-assessed.

f. Career Day/Career Experience Day-Marc A.

- i. Marc and Carolyn Doyle felt that this was the best Career Day because Carolyn was not running around all day, which has been typical for prior years.
- ii. The first-ever female was the keynote speaker for Career Day 2004.

g. Blue Rocks-Peter M.

- i. Peter would like this event to fall under the Social Committee.

- ii. Peter said that the most important aspect of setting this event up is calling in October to reserve a date for this event.
 - iii. Peter will not be able to attend this event so Michele D'Angelo will be point-person for this event.
 - iv. \$1500 is due to the Blue Rocks on May 21, 2004.
 - v. June 23, 2004 is the date for this event.
 - h. Golf Outing-Al Minutola
 - i. No new information.
 - i. Nominating Committee: Carmen
 - i. There is not new information
 - j. Fall Events Promotion-Carmen F.
 - i. Carmen would like to send a series of letters to local alums to advertise our fall events. This has not been done in prior years.
6. Other Business:
- a. Thank you notes were passed around from the Dunn/Francis families for our thoughtfulness during their tough times.
 - b. Tom Mallon discussed how the school website is in desperate need of being revamped. He asked for people to think about getting involved in being on the committee for this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

- 1. May 13, 2004 Happy Hour**
- 2. May 20, 2004 Alumni Basketball**
- 3. June 23, 2004 Blue Rocks**
- 4. July 8, 2004, Council dinner**
- 5. October 14, 2004 Homecoming kick-off Happy Hour**
- 6. October 15, Sports Banquet**
- 7. October 16, 2004 Homecoming/Reunions**

Quote of the meeting:

When Al was reviewing the budget, he discussed the revenue that we received from the selling of the Varsity Shop. Tom Anderson exclaimed, "Can we sell it again?"

**Our Council dinner will be held on July 8, 2004.
(No June meeting)**