



# POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## **PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

On Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 11 AM, the PMAAA Board of Directors met at the St. Joseph's Residence located in New Rochelle, N.Y. The following members of the Board participated:

Andrew Pisani	John Begley	Steve Kallas
Mike Kelly (via telephone)	Sean Crowley	Rick Martin (via telephone)
Brian McCann	Joseph DeFazio	Kevin McGearry
	Carl Hall	Dennis Mooney*
	Norm Jardine	John Torres
Excused: Kevin Bollbach		
*New PMAAA Board member.		

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- The minutes of February 2nd, 2019 meeting were previously distributed to all Board members on March 22nd, 2019. Brian McCann motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Joe DeFazio. The meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.
- Since Treasurer Kevin Bollbach is away on vacation and unable to participate in the meeting, no financial report was provided. The financial report will be updated at the next meeting.
- After being vetted by the PMAAA Nominating Committee, Dennis Mooney was introduced to the Board as the new proposed member. Joe DeFazio motioned to elect Mr. Mooney as a member of the PMAAA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Carl Hall. Mr. Mooney was subsequently elected to the Board by a vote of 12-0.

Joe DeFazio circulated a letter that will be distributed to the alumni within the next few weeks. This letter details the need of new members to serve on the PMAAA Board of Directors. This letter also outlines the duties of board members. See Attachment "A".



- A review of the recent PMAAA events, consisting of the Mass of Remembrance, St. Patrick's Parade and the Post Parade Party, ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that all events were successful. The attendance at the Mass was approximately 100. There were roughly 70 marchers in the parade and a total of 53 people attended the Post Parade Party. Merchandise sales at the Mass of Remembrance and the PPP was \$1,928.12. This includes a donation of \$300 from Joe Kurtz in honor of Br. Delaney, Joe Reinwald and Emerick Kurtz. Although not all of the PPP proceeds have been accounted for, there is an apparent shortfall. A final accounting will be made upon the return of Kevin Bollbach.

It was suggested that next year's PPP limit the refreshments to beer and wine in order to eliminate future deficits for this event. This discussion was tabled for future consideration.

- The annual PMAAA Mixer has been scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The event will start at 12 noon and continue to 4 PM. It was decided that the refreshments that will be offered to the attendees will consist of snacks, hotdogs, soft drinks and coffee. A pair of Yankee tickets will be purchased and raffled off at the event. The proceeds from the raffle will help fund the event. All Hallows Institute students will be present to assist with the set up and interact with the alumni.
- Board member Carl Hall motioned to form an informal committee to discuss additional fund raising programs, including seeking the assistance of financially successful and philanthropic alumni, endowments and investments. The committee shall consist of the following Board members: Kevin Bollbach, Sean Crowley, Carl Hall, Steve Kallas, Rick Martin and Kevin McGeary. This informal committee will be open to any other alumni interested in participating. The motion was seconded by Dennis Mooney and subsequently passed unanimously.
- Chick Pisani will reach out to Alumnus, James Nevins, who previously sent an email to the Board suggesting a way to further the legacy of Power Memorial Academy to discuss his recommendation.
- The Hall of Fame nominations were announced at the recent Post Parade Party. The following have been nominated: Steven Donohue – PMA '70, John Lovett – PMA '69, Joseph Reilly – PMA '75, Julio Alonso – PMA '73, Gerald Grimmeyer – Faculty, Br. Jensen – Faculty and 1969 Two-Mile Relay Team. Kevin McGeary is preparing mini bios for each nominee and will be published on PMAAA Facebook site and the Newsletter. Looking forward, the Board also discussed possible nominations for the 2020 HOF inductees.
- New PMA merchandise produced by Vinny Bonami's company is now available. Judging by the recent sale after the Mass of Remembrance, it appears that the new merchandise was well received by the alumni. It was suggested that merchandise that replicates the basketball, baseball and track team uniforms be added to the selection. Dennis Mooney will "Photoshop" the design of these uniforms to send to Vinny Bonami's company for manufacture.



Presently, the merchandise is not available via on-line. Joe DeFazio will perform an analysis comparing the cost that Vinny Bonami will charge versus an alternate company.

Sean Crowley suggested that we do a spot sale of select PMA merchandise in December.

- Rick Martin reported on the technology committee. Since there has been no responses to our outreach to the Alumni for assistance to improve the current technology utilized by the association, we may need to seek assistance from technology firms. This will incur an expense to the association.
- The PMAAA database has been updated by John Torres. Joe DeFazio noted that he received additional returned mail from the recent post card mailings. Joe DeFazio will provide John Torres with the latest returned correspondence. In an effort to ascertain who is not receiving the post card mailings, John Torres will send out a bulk email asking the alumni to respond if they didn't receive the mailing. An article will also be placed in the newsletter asking the same questions.
- Currently the PMAAA Facebook account is public. Whereas, anyone who is a member of the account is permitted to post comments. There was some concern expressed by a few Board members that this may subject the association to illegitimate posts and comments. It was decided that, since we have received very few problems to date, we will continue to be public and monitor the account very closely.
- An updated contact list of the PMAAA Board members will be prepared by Brian McCann and distributed to all Board members upon completion.
- John Begley motioned to purchase a Journal Ad for the upcoming Covenant House Lifeline Award Event which will be honoring a PMAAA Board member. The motion was seconded by Steve Kallas and subsequently passed unanimously.
- The Annual Board of Directors Meeting has been scheduled for May 11, 2019. Election for the Class "A" Board members will take place at this meeting. Steve Kallas will consult with counsel, Jennifer Abelaj, to work out the proper procedure for the election. The regular meeting will convene immediately after the Annual Meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on May 11th, 2019, 11 AM at the St. Joseph's Residence, New Rochelle, NY. PLEASE NOTE: The regular meeting and annual meeting will be conducted on this day.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Brian McCann

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## Attachment A

Dear Fellow Alumni,

In June of last year the PMAAA made a decision to establish a Nominating Committee. The primary focus of the Committee is to identify and recommend alumni who would be interested in filling open positions on the Board of Directors. Currently, there are thirteen Directors and two open seats. The term of office for a Director is three years with a maximum of two addition consecutive terms. The Nominating Committee that was established has four alumni members; two of them currently hold Board seats. The other two members are concerned alumni who were active in advocating for the establishment of this committee.

The Committee recognizes the need to establish an ongoing process to attract and encourage the alumni in becoming Board members. Achieving this result will allow us to go forward to build a sound foundation for the meaningful rotation of Board seats.

**In addressing its duties the Committee is actively soliciting nominations for the open Board seats. We are encouraging the alumni to nominate a fellow alumni or advance their name for consideration. A brief description of the individual's qualifications and experience should accompany the nomination. The Nominating committee will screen the nominations and make recommendations to the Board.**

For your knowledge, the Board of Directors meets about 5 times a year. These meetings usually take place at Iona College. Participation by phone is permitted. The Board focuses its ongoing attention on promoting the legacy of Power Memorial Academy. Scholarship funding, event planning, long term planning and alumni communication are the ongoing endeavors.

The long term viability of our Alumni organization requires an engaged alumni body. Critical to our long term health is your involvement and financial support. The most recent Newsletter reported on the financial condition of our Association. As of January 5, 2019, the Association has \$93,134 in total funds on deposit. There is \$22,417 in the checking account with the remainder in a savings account. Last year the scholarship fund expended \$ X,XXX to support X students currently enrolled at All Hallows.

Alumni contributions have ebbed over the past several years. We hope that your interest in preserving the legacy of our alma mater will provide the Scholarship Fund with greater inflows and permit us to build an even stronger foundation for the support of inner city Catholic education. In today's world there is an even greater need to sustain the educational platform that melded our life values.

Nominations for the open Board seats can be mailed to the Power Memorial Alumni Association: Cherokee Station PO BOX 20493 New York, New York 10021. We encourage and welcome any inquiries. The following two committee members will respond to your questions.

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## PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 Meeting Minutes

On Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11 AM, the PMAAA Board of Directors met at the St. Joseph's Residence located in New Rochelle, N.Y. The following members of the Board participated:

Andrew Pisani	Sean Crowley	Steve Kallas
Mike Kelly (via telephone)	Joseph DeFazio	Kevin McGeary
Kevin Bollbach (via telephone)	Carl Hall	John Torres
Brian McCann	Norm Jardine	
Excused: John Begley, Rick Martin		

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- The minutes of January 5, 2019 meeting was previously distributed to all Board members on January 6, 2019. Brian McCann motioned to waive the reading of the meeting minutes and accept the minutes. The motioned was seconded by John Torres. The meeting minutes were subsequently accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer Kevin Bollbach reported that there were negligible changes relative to the financial status of the organization. However, checks will be issued shortly to cover the needs of the upcoming events i.e. Mass of Remembrance, Post Party Parade etc.
- Most details have been worked out for the upcoming Mass of Remembrance, St. Patrick's Day Parade and Post Parade Party. Joe DeFazio is waiting to hear back from the organist for the Mass. Kevin Bollbach will secure the liquor license for the PPP.  
In the absence of Kevin Bollbach, who will be out of the country during the upcoming events, all registration correspondence will be directed to Norm Jardine.
- Kevin McGeary proposed that the Board explore seeking PMA "High Roller" alumni and hold an event that will encourage the High Rollers to donate to the Scholarship Fund.
- A discussion took place relative to joining forces with All Hallows' Ron Schutte in an effort to bolster contributions to the Scholarship Fund.
- The Association will take a *wait-and-see* position before committing to contributing to the cost of the Christian Brothers Foundation Database Project.
- Chick Pisani will reach out to the Alumni, James Nevins, who recently sent an email to the Board suggesting a way to further the legacy of Power Memorial Academy to discuss his recommendation.



- Kevin McGeary discussed the next class of Hall of Fame nominations. The nominees will be announced at the St. Patrick's Day Post Parade Party that is scheduled for March 16, 2019. A total of six nominees will be announced that day and will include three posthumous and three living nominees.
- Kevin Bollbach will coordinate with Amazon to activate the link between the PMAAA Amazon Smile account and the PMAAA bank account to ensure all contributions are properly credited to the Association.
- Chick Pisani and Joe DeFazio met with Vinny Bonami in January to discuss new PMA merchandise. Vinny Bonami suggested several new styles of merchandise. There will be new merchandise available for sale at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Mass of Remembrance. Also, there will be a method to order merchandise on line.
- The Technology Sub-committee matters have been tabled to the next Board meeting in the absence of Rick Martin who chaired this committee.
- Joe DeFazio will provide John Torres with the latest returned correspondence so that the alumni database can be made current.

It was determined that the use of email mailer, Constant Contact, is not a viable option to use to email PMAAA correspondence to the Alumni.

**The next meeting will be held on March 23rd, 2019 at the St. Joseph's Residence, New Rochelle, NY.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Brian McCann

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**PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting  
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Brian McCann	Carl Hall	John Torres
Excused: Norm Jardine		

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- The minutes of October 13th, 2018 meeting was distributed to all Board members on October 17, 2018. Brian McCann motioned to accept the minutes. The motioned was seconded by Chick Pisani. The meeting minutes were subsequently accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer Kevin Bollbach provided the following update on the financial status of the organization as of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

Checking:	\$ 22,417.00
Savings:	\$ 70,717.00
Total:	\$ 93,134.00

- The Board discussed the result of the Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner held on November 3, 2018. The overall consensus was the dinner was very successful both financially and with the overall satisfaction of the attendees. However, in an effort to improve future dinners, the following issues were identified as ways to improve future HOF dinners:
  - Reduce the number of HOF recipients each year.
  - Truncate introduction bios and strongly encourage each honoree to limit their acceptance speeches to no more than three minutes.

The afternoon start time of future dinners was discussed. The Board concluded, based on the feedback from the alumni attendees at the dinner that the event will continue to be held in the evening. The afternoon start time will be reconsidered at a later time.

Kevin McGeary discussed future HOF candidates and distributed a list of potential candidates to the attendees. Kevin discussed the benefits of grouping of future HOF candidates in order to maximize attendance at future dinners, which the Board was in agreement. Kevin subsequently presented his recommendations for the next class of



HOF inductees, which should be announced at the Post Parade Party to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Criteria for HOF candidates will be distributed to the Board shortly by Kevin. A selection committee will be formed in order to finalize which candidates will be inducted.

- Upcoming PMAAA events were discussed.
- Since St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday, this year's parade will be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. More details on assembly place and times will be forthcoming.

The Mass of Remembrance will be held, as in the past, the Saturday before the St. Patrick's Day parade—not on the same day of the parade as proposed at the last Board meeting. Therefore, the Mass will be held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Post Parade Party will continue to be held at Cathedral High School immediately following the parade. However, this year's admission price will be increased from \$50.00 to \$60.00. The price increase became necessary due to losses posted at previous events. (The Board previously voted to accept this increase via an email vote.)

- A discussion took place relative to how to increase Scholarship Fund raising efforts and how the distributions should be implemented. Joe DeFazio suggested that we reach out to the Alumni utilizing a mailer requesting donations. The Alumni will also have an option within the mailer to make an endowment to the Association as part of their will. After much discussion on various other methods, it was decided that a committee be formed to present recommendations to the Board as to how future fund raising and distributions will be made. The committee will be chaired by Rick Martin.
- A meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> with Vinny Bonami to discuss new PMA merchandise. President Chick Pisani and Board member Joe DeFazio will represent the Board at this meeting. The main objective of the meeting is to decide both short and long term selection of merchandise that will be available for sale to the Alumni. They will also discuss methods on how PMA merchandised may be purchased.
- Steve Kallas reported that no new issues have surfaced with respect to the *Concerned Alumni*.
- The resume of a prospective new Board member will be distributed to the Nominating Committee for consideration. The Nominating Committee will present its findings and recommendations to the Board after their review.



- In order to increase productivity of the Board and to deliver a more user friendly experience for the PMA alumni, a discussion took place on how to improve the technology currently in place. A debate ensued as to how the funding of the new technology would be accomplished. Rick Martin suggested that the investment be made utilizing Association funds. Joe DeFazio countered that we should seek resources internally to assist in improving the website and other technology issues. As a result, an appeal will be made to the Alumni, via the newsletter, for such assistance. If assistance is not forthcoming, funding for the updated technology may have to come from Association funds. Rick Martin to provide an order of magnitude that may be required for the new technology with the associated costs.
  
- The mailing database was updated in October, however after the recent mailing for the HOF Dinner, there were additional changes. Joe DeFazio will provide John Torres with the latest returned correspondence so that the alumni database can be made current. John Torres will provide the Board members with an updated alumni database by next meeting. John Torres will also contact the email dealer, Constant Contact, to determine if the PMAAA database can be uploaded to their program.

**The next meeting will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at the St. Joseph's Residence, New Rochelle, NY.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Brian McCann

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