



POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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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 9th 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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- 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 5th, 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 16th, 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 16th. 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 9th, 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 8th 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.

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