

# ***St. Pius X Alumni Association***

3rd Quarter 2021 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs Meeting 7:00 PM  
September 8, 2021

## Officer Attendees:

- Harry H. Cheatham, President and Board Chair, AA
- Brian Westrich , Vice President, AA
- Diana Parker, Secretary, AA
- Tina Duepner, Treasurer, AA / Chair, Spiritual Committee
- Peggy Flannagan, Co-Chair, Alumni Ambassadors Committee
- Andy Held, Co-Chair, Alumni Ambassadors Committee
- Gloria Park, Chair, Finance and Gifting Committee

## Absent But Participating:

- Steve Stoll, Chair, History and Preservation Committee, submitted Committee report

## Guests and Staff Attendees:

- Jim Lehn, President, St. Pius X High School

Quorum: Authorized voting seats are four officers and five Committee Chairs. Total voting block is nine, with a quorum being five. Participating were two officers and three voting Chairs. Therefore, this meeting had the necessary number of “directors” in attendance for a quorum.

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Cheatham.

Opening Prayer: Ms. Duepner provided the opening prayer.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the June 8th meeting, having been distributed and reviewed, a motion for approval was made and seconded without dissent.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for this meeting having been distributed and reviewed,

a motion for approval was made and seconded without dissent.

Approval of Ms. Gloria Park for Chairman of the Finance and Gifting Committee: a motion to approve Ms. Park as the Chairman of the Finance and Gifting Committee was made and seconded without dissent

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Duepner clarified the standing debt of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association's main financial commitment, as of September 2021, is providing multiple one thousand dollar scholarships to incoming Freshman, who are children of Alumni. The number of scholarships awarded is based on the income of the following events; Trivia Night, 50/50 and Glow Necklace sales at the Fireworks Extravaganza. Due to the Covid -19 pandemic Trivia night was postponed to May and moved outside. Due to a lack of registrants for the May event it was ultimately canceled. The number of scholarships awarded had to be decided in April prior to the cancellation of the May event. It was decided that three one thousand dollar scholarships would be awarded. The Fireworks extravaganza earned the association \$656. Leaving the Alumni Association more than two thousand dollars in debt. Mr. Lehn confirmed that this amount is not logged as a debt but absorbed by overall costs of the school. Ms. Flanagan also provided a list, composed by Beth Ervin, of Current School & Alumni Events to better evaluate sources of income.

Business at Hand:

1. No guests were present.
2. Ambassador Committee:
  - a. The Class Representative project has yielded 6 Class Rosters that have been updated and turned in. 6 alumni were contacted, for the first time, in regards to filling their respective classes' representative position. 25 alumni are working on updating their rosters. 29 graduating classes still have no alumni representative. How do we engage these classes? Other tasks at hand include; Updating Google Sheets accordingly, continue to follow up with alumni already contacted, note date of completion when asking people.
  - b. Mr. Held has booked a room at Taytros for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 24th. This event was originally scheduled for 2020 but canceled due to Covid-19. Mr. Held is working with Leigh and Luke on a wings and drinks deal. May offer a wristband so the bartender can identify Pius Alumni. This event will be shared in social media including Facebook, IG, and TikTok.

- c. Ms. Flanagan has sent personal invitations to past St. Pius X Football players inviting them to the Homecoming Football Game. Ms. Flanagan reported that there is an Alumni Softball tournament on the calendar. There has traditionally been an alumni soccer game the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Ms. Flanagan will confirm. Tennis will have an alumni gathering following senior night.
3. History and Preservation Committee: On August 19 Steve Stoll visited Sister Gabrielle Rowe at the Adorers motherhouse in Ruma, Illinois. The motherhouse was open to visitors, but even though we were all vaccinated, we were required to wear face masks. Part of the motherhouse is used as a nursing home for elderly Sisters.  
Sister Gabrielle is now 90 years old and taught at St. Pius from 1960-1969. I shared my history of St. Pius with her, as well as, the information about teachers who worked at St. Pius over the years. She had memories of her days at St. Pius and memories of some of her colleagues. We had a great conversation in our one hour + meeting.  
Mr. Stoll is working on a list of every person who taught at St. Pius from 1959 to 2021. He includes the person's name, the approximate years they taught and what subject they taught. He plans to talk to some "long-time" St. Pius teachers to help him with the years 2000 to the present. He has a great deal of the information needed, but needs some additional information about those years. He continues to work on the history of St. Pius and he hopes to complete his work by the end of this year. With any luck, he will be putting everything together over the winter and publishing by Spring of 2022. At this point he has 55 computer pages of history and 9 pages of teachers and the subjects they taught.
4. Finance and Gifting Committee: Ms. Park wants to know, "where is the marching band?". She introduced the association to her plan in assisting with the purchase of the property across the street.

#### New Business:

1. Ms. Flanagan provided reports on campus reunions. Class of 1971 will celebrate mass on the outdoor pavilion and dinner in the cafe on September 25th. Class of 2001 will meet on campus October 15th during the Football Game. Class of 1976 will meet at Wild Sun Winery on October 8th..
2. Ms. Flanagan gave an overview of Homecoming. Hall of Fame recipients are Mr. Scott Taylor and Mr. Marty Zielonko. They will be presented with a plaque during halftime of the Homecoming Football game. It was discussed whether to

acknowledge any alumni football players who do attend during halftime. The issue with halftime is time. Ms. Flanagan asked the association for assistance since she will be focused on the Class of 2001 Reunion.

3. The association discussed where alumni should gather during the Homecoming Football game. Traditionally, canopies and tables have been set up on Alumni Hill, but due to the completion of the second level of the wellness center, Mr. Lehn suggested we host Alumni there. The association was in agreement that the second level mezzanine would be a great location. Ms. Flanagan will organize signage and entry.
4. The association acknowledged that there is room for improvement when it comes to Homecoming.
5. The potential October 9th Car Cruise is on hold until 2022. The association discussed combining it with the Mayors Cruise which is held in September on Festus Main Street.
6. Ms. Flanagan stressed the importance of starting the engagement process during students' senior years. She shared suggestions such as connecting them with alumni who are attending colleges they're interested in and presenting them with a small gift at their senior retreat. Ms. Parker recommends a small wood cross with "Once a Lancer, Always a Lancer". Talk to Ellie Warden about design.
7. Ms. Park shared with us the afternoon and evening she spent on campus with two classmates. Mr. Lehn offered to open up campus for any alumni who would like to visit. There was discussion of how to communicate this to the alumni. It was suggested to place in the newsletter but decided to send it as a communication on its own. It was suggested that we call it the StPX experience.
8. The postcard campaign was discussed. Mr. Lehn did not feel it was a strong enough return for the cost. Mr. Cheatham disagreed. They will sidebar on the issue.
9. Ms. Flanagan discussed the results of the June Newsletter. Based on shared data the decision to send the newsletter per decade was a good choice. Ms. Park will meet with Ms. Flanagan and Ellie Warden to continue improving our email communications.
10. Ms. Flanagan shared the following dates; Trivia Night 1/15 (Back Up 2/12), Gala 4/2, Senior Farewell 5/13, Car Show 5/14.

Next Directors Meeting:

Developing the St. Pius X story

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the annex. Directors are each to confirm with Ms. Flanagan if that day and time is agreeable to them.

Adjournment: Having no further business being brought to the Board, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:43 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Diana Parker, Secretary

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Chair