

Archbishop Ryan Marching Band Alumni Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2006

This meeting was held as an introduction to prospective Association members, outlining the purpose and intent of the Association and sharing ideas about how best to pursue and achieve the goals we have set for ourselves. The meeting consisted of Dan Wierzbicki, class of 1991, describing the above intents.

The purpose of the Association was described as existing to lend support to the Archbishop Ryan High School Marching Band, the most effective method of which was established as fund-raising. Funds are to be used in efforts which will directly influence the Marching Band in a positive way. The efforts discussed were providing scholarships for incoming freshmen; providing financial assistance for Marching Band members in need; providing awards for outgoing seniors; using funds to provide the Marching Band with items that might not otherwise be readily available. Some of the fund-raising methods discussed were performances, reunions/beef & beers, golf outings and flea markets.

A secondary purpose of the Association was described as serving as an opportunity for members to enjoy each others' company socially and providing performance opportunities for members. The Association intends to establish a performing group or groups that can play at High School concerts or give concerts of their own. This group will rehearse in the Band Room and will initially be under the direction of Gene Ciccimaro. Larger instruments, such as tubas, baritones, etc, will be provided to members by the school to the best of its ability. Alumni members are also invited to perform with the Marching Band at non-competitive functions, such as parades or playing in the stands at football games. At this point, it was encouraged that color guard members come forth with ideas about how best to incorporate color guard alumni into Alumni performing groups.

To insure that the Association runs smoothly from the outset, it was announced that there will be a Board of Directors and a panel of officers. Brian Agger, class of 1985, has agreed to serve as President for the first year of the Association's existence, in order to insure that the ideals set forth from the inception of the Association are followed through upon. Other positions that will need to be filled are Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will initially consist of the founders of the Association, Brian Agger and Steve Kates, class of 1991. It was recommended that the director of the Marching Band hold an advisory position to the Board and not be allowed to hold an actual position. This is recommended to avoid any conflicts of interest but also to insure that the Association is kept abreast of the needs and concerns of the Marching Band.

In addition to officer positions, the Association will need volunteers to chair various committees. Chair positions that will need to be filled initially are Social Director, Music Coordinator, Webmaster, and Scholarship Director. Soon after these minutes are distributed to the membership, an email will be sent outlining the responsibilities of the Chair and Officer positions. It is asked that anyone interested in holding a position please send an informal letter of intent detailing the position you would like to hold and some of your ideas for the position. We would like to be able to make all decisions by the end of the next meeting. If more than one person is interested in a position blind elections will be held at the next meeting.

Upon closing, it was asked that any email contacts be collected for the purpose of distributing minutes and newsletters through email, rather than spending the money required to assemble a mailing for 1350 alumni. Elizabeth Mauro, class of 1975, suggested that we acquire a copy of the Alumni Directory, which the school compiled a few years ago. She informed us that alumni emails were included in the Directory. She volunteered the use of her Directory, as did Beth Kelly, class of 1998. Beth informed us that she had the Directory on CD-ROM and volunteered the disc to Brian Agger for compilation.

In final business, it was announced that "Tradition of Excellence" DVDs are still on sale for \$10. Orders can be placed through the Association's email address. Upon closing, the next meeting date was set for November, 7, at 7:30 in the Band Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Wierzbicki, 1991