The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The opening prayer was given by R. Zadzilko followed by the Alma Mater and National Anthem led by J. Bendel and general introductions.

**Moment of Silence:** A moment of silence was observed for MaryAnn Cherubini who passed away on August 26, 2017.

**Veteran's Day Recognition:** R. Retter recognized all veterans in attendance at the meeting. Each was presented with a commemorative Saint Michael the Archangel coin.

**Guest Speakers:** Claire Jackman, C 18, Student Government Association Executive Board President. Jackman summarized the programs of SGA for Alumni Council. Program included the Capital Project in which $30,000 was used to expand wifi to the Carey Center and across the athletics fields, outlets were updated in the Shack, Safety mirror were added in Lot Q and 25 vacuums were purchased for the dorms. SGA also held a non-perishable food drive for the local food bank and led the Bearcat Light Brigade to decorate campus for Christmas. On Saturday, December 2, SGA will participate in “Play it Forward Pittsburgh” to encourage organ donation. The program will take place at the men's and women's basketball games.

*Emily Keiser, C'14, Assistant Director of Annual Fund.* The Annual Fund office is bringing back Chill Out at the basketball games during the week of February 12. They hope to bring back alumni and encourage student/alum “friendraising” along with fundraising.

**Alumni Office Update:** S. Gouch advised of upcoming events for alumni including the final football game of the season. He explained that the Alumni office is aiming to stay away from giving-focused events and focus on alumni engagement. Several campaign events are coming up as well as Alumni Luncheons in December in Pittsburgh, Indiana, Ligonier and Cranberry. The Alumni Nutcracker show at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh will be held on Saturday, December 9. 78/80 tickets are already reserved. K. Sheehy-DeGroot asked if it would be possible to support the Laurel Ballet Theater as we do the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater with this event. In the Spring, the Alumni Office is coordinating events for the seniors prior to graduation including a mimosa toast, a chocolate and wine tasting, and Pirates game.

**Christmas Toy Drive:** A. Simmons presented on the opportunity to participate in an Alumni Council Giving Tree to benefit the foster Children at Pressley Ridge. A. has a list of children and Christmas wish lists. If you want to participate by purchasing items on the wish list or as a financial donation, please contact Alé.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Action Item:** Motion by J. Laffey, Seconded by F. Nelson

**Constitution:** J. Winters provided the attached presentation regarding revisions to the Constitution. Questions and Comments to the presentation included:

- R. Schulte suggested not having a Golf Outing Committee as it is too focused.
- J. Cherubini asked if we could make it a point to work with Father Ed to donate a scholarship to the seminary.
- R. Zadzilko expressed that in many cases it is better to have a liaison than a full committee as one-on-one connections are necessary. J. Winters said that the new constitution will allow for liaisons to be created at any time.
R. Schulte asked if the requirements for council membership are cut and dry. J. Winters said that the Membership Committee will use requirements as guidelines.

G. Martin said that planned absences should be communicated to the Executive Committee and/or Alumni Office.

D. Valore requested the change in requirements of attendance to not miss 3 meetings in a row as there is a need for flexibility.

S. Gouch said that we are working on a call in option, which should help with attendance.

R. Schulte asked for clarification to be made that financial contributions can be made to either the college or the seminary.

A. Giacobbi asked if we will vote on individuals as or a slate of candidates for new members.

G. Martin suggested that we reach out to members who are not participating to find out why.

J. Bendel stressed the importance of the Membership Committee doing their job.

Council is asked to provide feedback on the slides by November 26 to the Executive Committee. A new version of the Constitution will be circulated for review by the Committee by January 10.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee:** J. Winters said that the Executive Committee met to prepared the agenda.

**Nominating:** We currently do not have a chairperson for this committee.

**Legal/Rules:** A. Panebianco said that the new constitution will be circulated for review in January.

**Awards:** No Report.

**Fundraising:** No Report.

**Events:**

- **Homecoming:** G. Maurer reports Homecoming was a success with a turnout of nearly 2800. We need representatives from classes ending in 3 and 8 to start planning for next year. Homecoming will be October 5-7, 2018. K. Sheehy-DeGroot said that the Alumni Office made it very easy to plan for a class reunion event.

- **Prep Reunion:** R. Stillwagon reports that the next reunion will be June 9, 2018 at the Pleasure Acres Farm.

- **Easter Ball:** R. Retter explained that the 2018 event will be a transition year, as the picnics have been in the past. We are currently in early planning stages. We have interest from the College administration to support us in the event. All are welcome to participate in the next Easter Ball meeting. Date TBD.

**Student Alumni Relations:** No Report.

**Alumni Networking and Outreach:** No Report.

**Communications:** A. Simmons reports that photos and information was gathered for the Council Directory, but we are still missing more information - please stay after the meeting if you have not had your photo taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

February Meeting date TBD due to Chill Out Activities. Email to follow to full council.

Meeting Adjourned.

*Action Item:* Motion by R. Schulte, Seconded by F. Nelson
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**Guests:**
- M. Brasile
- S. Gouch
- C. Jackman
- E. Keyser
- N. Killen
- J. Petrone

Respectfully Submitted by Alé Simmons, Saint Vincent Alumni Council Vice President