

*St. Patrick Catholic Church Global Board*  
**Meeting Minutes**

April 1th, 2020

**7pm meeting over Zoom**

**Mission Statement:** *Saint Patrick Catholic Church exists to **Encounter Jesus** by **loving** as commanded by Jesus Christ, **servng** as exemplified by Jesus Christ, and **making disciples** this commissioned by Jesus Christ*

**School Mission Statement:** *Archbishop Bergan Catholic School exists to instill a passion, as **exemplified by Christ**, for **faith, knowledge, and service**.*

**Attendance:**

P	Fr. Walter Nolte wnolte@stpatfremont.org	P	Fr. Nicholas Mishek nmishek@stpatsfremont.org	P	Joyce Vavricek (PPC) joycevcek@gmail.com
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P	Matt Mueller (PPC) Mmueller5220@gmail.com	P	Brendan Murray (PPC) rbrendanmurray@gmail.com	P	Kate Hurst (PPC) Kate.hurst@berganknights.org
		A	Jeremy Murman (PPC) Jeremy.murman@berganknights.org	P	Tad Dinkins (SB)
P	Deacon Steve Hill shill@stpatsfremont.org	P	Nichole Owsley (SB)	P	Misti Wolf (SB)
A	Matt Mastny (FC)	A	Kurtis Slater (SB)	A	Kevin Cansler (SB)
P	Ron Baumert (FC)	P	Todd Thomason (SB)	A	Judy Getzchmann (SB)
P	John Konecky (FC)	P	Dan Koenig	P	Melissa Hapke (SB)
P	Donnie Millie (FC)	P	John Kieny (FC)	P	Susie McWhirter (SB)
A	Steven Pleskac (FC)	P	Tom Wolf (FC)	P	Suzanna Mendlik (SB)
P	Kevin Dennis	P	Lori McIntrye	A	Ryan Miller (SB)
P	Fr. Bill Cremers	P	Sarah Monke	P	Chris Rainforth
		P	Anne Folkers	P	Bonnie Nebuda

P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused, FC=Finance Committee, SB=School Board, PPC=Parish Pastoral Council

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Nolte
2. **State of the Parish:** Deacon Steve Hill (Finance Director)
  - a. Purpose of Meeting

- i. To have consistent information between all groups
- b. Combined Parish and School
  - i. Running a Deficit Budget for +10 years
    - 1. To date: nearing \$700,000 deficit
  - ii. Tuition setting
    - 1. Set tuition levels to sustain the school
    - 2. 10% increase
      - a. Plan for upcoming year
        - i. Push for Stewardship, enrollment, fundraising etc.
        - ii. Inside and outside the community
  - iii. COVID-19
    - 1. Lack of Liturgies = reduced Sunday collection
      - a. Dramatically falling
      - b. Affects all the plans
    - 2. Sat down with Archdiocese
      - a. Eliminated AFF tax for March
        - i. Across the Archdiocese
        - ii. Not much other assistance
    - 3. Possible helps
      - a. Refinance loan because Campaign money will come in too slow
      - b. Look at School and Parish Budgets to reduce costs
        - i. Already doing that
          - 1. Let many staff go to reduce payroll
            - a. Some furlough and some truly laid-off
          - 2. Exhausted this option
      - c. Look at our Endowments
        - i. Have many endowments, but only can access 5%
        - ii. Trying to find ways to access more of the endowment
      - d. Building up our Development
        - i. Sending out Easter letter and Alumni letter
      - e. Look at new legislation created by COVID-19 pandemic
        - i. Looking into possible disaster loans
        - ii. Work through qualifying for a government loan that will hopefully turn into a grant
          - 1. Probably 75%-80% forgiveness if qualify
  - iv. Questions
    - 1. Could still have assistance for larger non-profit organization
      - a. Have talked to First National Bank
        - i. May also look at First State Bank
    - 2. Out of the options, what should we prioritize
      - a. Implement development program
      - b. We are pushing all of them forward
        - i. Refinance: save us \$8,000-9,000 per quarter



- 2. Position description to find a Development Director
    - 3. Concerned with how the news of possible school closure will affect enrollment
  - 3. Will enrollment drive be good? Should we personally invite those kids we need?
    - a. The largest gaps are 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade
    - b. However, other grades only have a few spots open, so we need to fill
  - 4. Creating sub-committees to help push the message forward?
    - a. Not just responsibility to a few, but the whole parish
    - b. Will need an active development committee
      - i. More focused on fundraising and getting more connections
  - v. Need to be on the same page about
    - 1. Cutting staff, but added development position
      - a. Really just a restructuring
    - 2. Need to be able to invite people and accept help
      - a. Grant writing and fundraising etc.
      - b. Still looking at the Healthcare situation
        - i. Expectation, hopefully something coming at the end of the year
    - 3. Teachers are also willing to reach out to other alumni as well
  - d. Reminder: Timeline
    - i. Most immediate decisions
      - 1. What are we still going through enrollment and the results of the Easter ask – allows us to move forward for the next school year (2020-2021)
      - 2. Afterwards looking at it year by year (September to November)
    - ii. Goal for financial: sizable donations from multiple avenues
      - 1. Over six figures etc. with the hope of drawing more
  - e. Also, during this time, we are doing a “digital usher” for the Masses we have on the livestream
  - f. Next meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to follow up
  - g. Letters
    - i. Top 100 donors went out yesterday
    - ii. Bulk mail out Friday to parishioners and alumni
      - 1. Sending also to our Spanish parishioners
  - h. Pray for the School and Parish!
    - i. Praying a Divine Mercy novena starting on Good Friday for the parish

3. **Closing Prayer**- Dan Koenig