

<b>Attendees:</b>			
Present	Name	Present	Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Father Tom Fangman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Johnny Murray
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Rasmussen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vicki Payton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Olson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan Hanus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Beacom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Kieny
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deb Gustafson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Vossen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Krejci	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Gawley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Crawford		

**Guests:**

Eric Crawford – New Advancement Director (Joined St. Patrick’s in July). Has begun work on the capital campaign and explored the many other fundraising opportunities within the St. Pat’s community. Eric has met with several SPIRIT donors as well as Assistant Principals Tawnya Mann and Candace Thompson to understand the current and future needs of the school and to build a 2-year development plan to meet those needs.

Johnny Murray – St. Pat’s Youth Minister

**Opening:**

Fr. Tom Fangman opened with prayer.

**Review of minutes from the previous meeting:**

PPC Notes from September – approved

**Committee/Staff Updates**

**Faith Formation:** Johnny Murray – St. Pat’s Youth Minister – Johnny shared his story for how he came to know Jesus Christ and how his experiences have shaped his career path and his approach to the work he does with the youth of St. Patrick’s. Johnny shared how the Faith Formation team aligns their mission with that of the Archdiocese and the vision/mission of St. Patrick’s. Johnny presented an in depth look at the many programs offered to the middle and high school students at St. Pat’s. Attendance at youth group meetings has increased significantly and there is currently a need for discipleship mentors/volunteers to help lead small group discussions each Wednesday evening. If you’re interested, contact Johnny.

**New Parish Staff:** (Fr. Tom)

**New School Staff:** (Fr. Tom)

**School Advisory Board:** (Brian) – The school board reported that the Fall Festival brought in \$40K. Of that, Home and School committee will keep 30%. Enrollment is up by 2.5% for a total of 756 children. School parking and end of day dismissal continues to be an issue. Feedback on the Top Golf staff event was very positive. The \$10K needed for the nature playground has been allocated and construction on the project will begin soon. The school advisory board has asked the Parish Council to consider modernizing our Parish elections process. The committee discussed the issue and agreed that further research and discussions on the topic are necessary.

**Home and School:** (Nicole/Mike) – Home and School committee approved the necessary funding to paint outdoor games in the parking lot areas used during recess. Additional funding has also been allocated toward the purchase of new cameras to be placed around the outside perimeter and in the middle school hallway. New SPIRIT wear is also available.

**Finance Committee:** (John) – The financial results for this fiscal year were reported on 9/13. July and August reported over budget numbers for Sunday collections. Of the current capital campaign funding promised, \$5.3M has already been donated and in the bank. The committee will monitor weekly giving throughout the capital campaign to identify whether the campaign is impacting Sunday giving. The finance committee would like to find 2-3 additional members, as well as sub-committee members. Focus will need to be given to the new church metrics and its associated growth and budget numbers. Vicki Payton and Justin Vossen have begun the work of meeting with affiliate groups to present the common vision for transparency and accountability. The goal is to eventually provide each committee with online access to

Quickbooks so that St. Patrick's staff will have online real-time access to all financial data for each committee. Additional meetings will be scheduled with the remaining affiliate groups until each committee has received the new guidelines and expectations.

### **Items for discussion and planning**

**Church update:** (Fr. Tom) Final edits to the design are complete. The committee continues to meet on next steps and the project remains on budget and on schedule. Marty Cordes performed a detailed analysis and determined that parking at the new church will increase by an additional 204 spaces, rather than the 175 originally estimated.

**Capital Campaign:** (Eric Crawford & Fr. Tom) The capital campaign committee chair couples have been named, they are; Matt & Stacy Schieber, Galen & Tiffany Meysenburg, and Nicole & Justin Vossen. The committee has also named honorary chair couples Paul & Patty Mendlik, Matt & Melissa Graves, and Jim & Kathy Ricketts. An initial orientation meeting was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee will recruit roughly 100 parishioners to meet with parish families to collect campaign pledge cards. Volunteer training will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Meeting time and location details forthcoming. The Archdiocese requires 40% of new construction funding to be in the bank prior to breaking ground. Currently St. Pat's has \$5.3M of the \$22.1M pledged, in the bank.

**Pastoral Planning Committee:** (John) The committee is working to put priorities into action and outlining the necessary next steps. The Archdiocese has created and mailed the Journey of Faith newsletter which outlines the work and process of creating a community of vibrant parish families. The invitation has been made for Omaha Catholics to participate in the Pastoral Planning Process.

### **Other Business / Announcements**

**The Pastoral Conference:** - The event was attended by roughly 40 parish members. A recording of the conference can be viewed through the Archdiocese of Omaha website ([www.archomaha.org](http://www.archomaha.org)). The conference had several very powerful witness statements and very good messaging around evangelization and how Catholics are called to reach out and engage with others. Attendees of the conference have been assigned to groups. The plan is for these groups to meet 3 more times before Christmas. An e-mail was sent to each attendee describing what the groups will be discussing during the follow up engagements. This process is being done in concert with the Pastoral Planning Process.

**Parish leader's meeting:** A meeting for all St. Patrick's leaders will be held on November 3, 2022. Further details to be announced.

**Abide financial support:** (Mike) Amanda Pfeifer asked Mike to bring up the issue of providing financial support to the Abide organization. A short video describing the Abide mission was shown. The council discussed support for Abide and it was determined that the committee does not have enough information to respond to the request. The Abide model for community improvement begins with what is called a "Lighthouse Project". A lighthouse project remodels a home in an impoverished neighborhood and recruits an Abide family to live in the home and inspire others in the neighborhood to help improve the area, reduce crime and build a better community. The council discussed whether the Human Needs committee should be responsible for determining where St. Patrick's charitable giving is allocated. The council also discussed whether a certain dollar amount should be allocated each year. The council agreed that there are a significant number of human needs and this is an area that requires further discussion. The Abide organization may need to present the request to the Finance Committee. Mike will relay this information to Amanda and gather additional information around the specific request for Abide support.

**Membership miscommunication:** An e-mail was sent by the St. Patrick's business office to an Archdiocesan high school in response to an invoice received. For background information, it has been standard practice for Catholic middle schools to pay \$400 per year for each of their students that attends an Archdiocesan high school. The e-mail inadvertently implied that some families listed in the invoice were not members of St. Patrick's Parish. The high school erroneously notified the parents in question, which created confusion and frustration. Fr. Tom fielded several calls from parents and has worked to rectify the miscommunication. A personal message from Fr. Tom will be communicated to all involved and the original invoice in question has been paid for all families involved.

### **Closing**

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Fr. Tom Fangman

Next meeting planned for November 10, 2022 – 7:00pm