



# POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, December 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:30 AM, the PMAAA Board of Directors convened. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the meeting was conducted via video conference. The following members of the Board participated:

Andrew Pisani	John Begley	Stephen Lazarus
Michael Kelly	Sean Crowley	Rick Martin
Kevin Bollbach	Carl Hall	Dennis Mooney
Brian McCann	Joseph DeFazio	John Torres
	Norm Jardine	Thomas Tuffey
	Steve Kallas	
Excused: Kevin McGeary		

- The PMAAA Board of Directors meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- The minutes of October 24, 2020 meetings were previously distributed to all Board members. Brian McCann motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Chick Pisani. The minutes of the October 24, 2020 meeting minutes was unanimously accepted.
- Treasurer Kevin Bollbach previously distributed the financial report via email. The financials as of December 5, 2020 are summarized below:

As of:	AUG. 1, 2020	SEP. 19, 2020	OCT. 24, 2020	DEC. 5, 2020
<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$ 15,412.79</b>	<b>\$15,280.07</b>	<b>\$15,391.98</b>	<b>\$16,401.55</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>65,762.56</b>	<b>65,764.99</b>	<b>65,765.97</b>	<b>65,767.55</b>
<b>Total Cash &amp; Savings</b>	<b><u>\$ 81,175.35</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 81,045.05</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 81,157.95</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,168.66</u></b>
<b>PayPal (in transit)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>253.38</b>
<b>Total w/PayPal</b>	<b><u>\$ 81,175.35</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 81,045.05</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 81,157.95</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,422.04</u></b>
<b>Amazon Smile</b>	<b>\$ 99.98</b>	<b>\$ 125.35</b>	<b>\$125.35</b>	<b>\$183.27</b>

- Treasurer Kevin Bollbach motioned to increase the annual distribution from the PMAAA Scholarship Fund to All Hallows High School from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Joe DeFazio and after a brief discussion the motion was carried unanimously.



- Carl Hall requested that the Board ask the leadership at All Hallows High School how it selects scholarship recipients and the amount they receive from the PMAAA Scholarship Fund. Also, the scholarship should be clearly named the PMAAA Scholarship. It was also suggested that there be a formal ceremony to award the scholarship. We can then speak to the origins of the scholarship and the history of the organization. These Events can be reported in the *PMAAA Newsletter*.

Steve Lazarus suggested that the scholarships be distributed on a revolving basis so that each class is represented.

Sean offered to set a call with Ron Schutte at All Hallows to discuss Board thoughts and noted concerns.

- The PMAAA Annual Appeal was discussed. President Chick Pisani stated that since the alumni database has now been finalized, the Appeal can proceed. However, the proper timing needs to be determined in order to obtain optimum results. In the meantime, Chick will craft the letter for the appeal so that it ready to go once the date has been determined. Kevin Bollbach mentioned that he inquired about the \$0.18 postage rate with the USPS and was directed to go to an annex of the main post office in order to apply for the lower postage rate. After going online, Kevin was unable to ascertain the location of this post office. He will check with the post office that the association currently has the post office box to get further information. Chick will also check with Rich Carter to see if he can provide guidance.

- With the cancellation of the 2020 Hall of Fame Dinner, Sean Crowley suggested that we should do something that will keep our HOF candidates engaged. Hopefully, we can get them involved and assist with our scholarship fundraising activities.

Sean also suggested that the organization to a fundraiser webinar with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, possibly hosted by Steve Kallas. Norm Jardine asked Kareem's manager, Deborah Morales, to see if Kareem would be interested. (Before the meeting concluded, Deborah responded and requested a draft of suggested comments and she will prepare an appropriate video.)

Steve Lazarus suggested that we have a webinar with all the Hall of Fame inductees as a way to keep them engaged.

- Sean Crowley elaborated on the Br. Jensen Award. This award can be given to both PMA alum and deserving people outside the organization. Further, this award can involve other associations outside of PMAAA (Iona, Bergen Catholic etc.). Steve Lazarus suggested that this award be tied with the basketball tournament that Dennis Mooney has been working on. Sean will write an outline on the award and speak with Br. Murphy to get his thoughts.
- An update on All Hallows was presented by Sean Crowley. Only one-third of the normal group who traditionally take the TACHS exam (formerly known as CO-OP) actually took the exam. This had a significant impact on the number of students who will be entering All Hallows in September. This is one of the many challenges the school has been encountering. Only 11 of the 25 scholarships that were promised by SSP were received.



Sean also discussed the PAR (Power All Hallows Rice) Challenge that will be embarking shortly. This event is looking to raise \$500,000 which would significantly help AHHS with some of their financial issues. The solicitation letter and pledge form that will be sent to the alumni was discussed. The group suggested a few changes be made to both documents before it is sent to the alumni.

- After careful review, Chick Pisani has requested that *The Future of the PMAAA* agenda item be removed from the agenda. On a motion by Dennis Mooney, seconded by Carl Hall, this was passed unanimously.
- Call Hall presented the program that is currently being offered by Empire State College. This program incentivizes youth coming out of high school to go into law enforcement by giving them college credit for entering the Police Academy. (Please click on the link below for the details.) Carl is seeking to the PMAAA's endorsement of this program and advise All Hallows students of the benefits of the program. Carl will put together a PowerPoint presentation of the program, but in the meantime, Carl is looking for feedback from other Board members on the program.  
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- According to Dennis Mooney, the database project has been completed. The database will reside on Google Sheets and can be accessed by all Board members in read only mode.
- Board Vice President Mike Kelly updated the group on the status of the 2021 St. Patrick's Day Parade. As of now, it appears that the parade is in jeopardy of not taking place in 2021. However, the parade committee does have expenses that need to be met. Therefore, the parade organizers are seeking donations from the participating organizations. Accordingly, Mike Kelly motioned to donate \$100.00 to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee from the PMAAA. The motion was seconded by Steve Kallas and passed unanimously. Kevin Bollbach will forward a check directly to the Parade Committee.

**The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2021 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be conducted via video teleconferencing. The sign-in link will be provided prior to the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Brian McCann

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