

**Our Lady of Grace
Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)
Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020**

ATTENDEES:

Priests	Father Kevin Finnegan	Father Nathan Hastings		
2021	Doug Fulton (Chair)	Mary Absolon	Sharri Harmel	
2022	Mike DuMond	Art Hays	Steve Schreiber (Vice-Chair)	Lucy Winter
2023	Ashley Biwan	Angela Ciagne (Secretary)	Ben Ganje	
Trustees	Chip Fuhrmann	Monique Maddox		

Welcome and Minutes Approval

Father Kevin started the meeting with prayer. The PPC Chair welcomed the members, and members reviewed and approved the August PPC minutes as drafted.

Ministry Conversation: Liturgy

Shelly Aebi, Director of Ministry, led an insightful discussion of the Liturgy. Shelly described the process for planning liturgies, the importance of parishioner involvement and the impact that COVID has had on liturgies. The Lay Liturgy Commission studies the scriptures and provides a guide for the spiritual journey for the parish. From there, the various liturgy leaders (e.g., priests, heads of music, lectors, decoration) plan each liturgy to bring the pieces together into a cohesive package that points to our love of God and love of our neighbor. Shelly reminded us that the liturgy is not just about bringing our individual needs, but about the collective of us worshiping God and giving God thanks. She asked that the Council encourage people to step into ministry roles as one of the biggest challenges of the Liturgy is finding people to participate. Finally, Shelly discussed the rebuilding of masses, sacraments and funerals in response to COVID-19.

New business

Liaison Report: Parish Administration

Doug Fulton presented the Parish Administration liaison report to the Council. Deacon Bob Durham, Business Administrator, indicated that his top priorities are managing the parish in advance of return to OLG school opening and return to mass; managing the budget, including managing operating expenses in light of decreased contributions; and planning for increased school expenses due to COVID-19. Top opportunities areas include managing AOM (receivables, budget and completion and move-in of the rectory) and continuing to manage through COVID-19 changes. Deacon Bob encourages parishioners to give online to mitigate the disruption of giving due to smaller Masses.

Liaison Report: Adult Formation

Ashley Biwan provided an update on the Young Professionals group. The group will begin meeting again this fall for Holy Hour at the Harbor. The goal for the group is to grow from 50 to 100 members this year. Adult Formation will be the featured ministry conversation in the October meeting.

75th Anniversary

The 75th Anniversary celebration is expected to kick off in November and will include events that reflect on OLG’s history and look forward to the next 75 years. The events will celebrate the people of OLG and the ties that bind us as a parish community. The Council discussed ideas for engaging parishioners in the

celebration. Sharri Harmel and Art Hayes are on the 75th Anniversary committee and will be the PPC ministry liaisons.

Advancing our Mission (“AOM”) campaign

Father Kevin gave the PPC an update on the AOM campaign. A new committee and chairperson, Joe Fitzgerald, will continue with the efforts to raise the remaining amounts to get to the \$26.0 million goal to complete the planned phases in the campaign. Additional fundraising efforts will commence in the next few weeks. Discussion by the Council around the budget and expected costs and timing to complete the work took place.

PPC 2020-2021 Goals / Ministry Assignments

The Council continued last month’s discussion of the PPC’s goals and objectives for the year of including increasing engagement with the parish and serving as ministry liaisons to OLG’s various missions. Regarding engagement, the Council discussed parish demographics, new parishioner orientation and attending multiple masses to connect with fellow parishioners. The 2018-2019 Annual report (https://www.olgparish.org/s/2018-2019-Annual-Report_D.pdf) was also identified as a resource to better understand the parish demographics. Regarding ministry liaisons, the Council members reviewed and agreed to their assigned ministries for the upcoming year.

The PPC meets the second Tuesday of the month at OLG. The Council Chair is Doug Fulton and the Vice-Chair is Steve Schreiber. If you have ideas or issues that you would like to bring before the Council, you may reach out to Doug at 612-209-4208 or Steve at 507-276-6081. More information about the PPC, its members and its mission can be found on the OLG web site: <http://www.olgparish.org/parish-council/>.