

**Our Lady of Grace
Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)
Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021**

ATTENDEES:

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

Welcome and Minutes Approval

Father Kevin began the meeting with a prayer. The PPC Chair welcomed the members and trustees to the meeting, both in person and on Zoom. The members approved the April PPC minutes as drafted.

Ministry Conversation: John Paul II (“JP II”) School

Alison James, parishioner and JP II liaison, introduced Tricia Menzhuber, Principal of JP II. Mrs. Menzhuber provided insight into the families and children that make up JP II and the beautiful community of strong catholic faith that is alive at JP II. She also spoke of the importance and impact that the investment that OLG and others are making, including funding and amazing volunteer relationships especially those that have come from tutoring and mentoring students. Mrs. Menzhuber highlight JP II's graduation rate – 100% of 8th grade graduates go on to graduate from high school. The overall success of JP II can be attributed, in part, to the connection to the support of outside parishes and parish schools such as the connection with OLG.

New business

Financial Report Highlights and Approval of 2021-2022 Budget

Materials were provided to the Council for review in advance of the meeting. Deacon Bob Durham provided an overview of the financials and budget as well as insight into the presentation to the Trustees for their approval. A discussion, including a question-and-answer period, was held amongst the Council, Deacon Bob, and Father Kevin. At the conclusion, the Council approved the 2021-2022 budget as presented.

Project Return to Mass, Return to Mission (RTM)

Art Hayes and Ashley Biwan provided an update on a June event to bring parishioners together after masses on June 5th and 6th as well as ideas for a larger celebration in September, possibly in conjunction with a 75th Anniversary celebration.

Liaison Reports

Steve Schreiber provided an update on Advancing our Mission and the commencement of construction. Angela Ciagne provided an update on School Age Faith Formation, including First Communion masses and upcoming plans for Vacation Bible School.

Contact Us

The PPC meets the second Tuesday of the month at OLG. The 2021-2022 Council Chair is Steve Schreiber. If you have ideas or issues that you would like to bring before the Council, you may reach out to 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/>.