

**Our Lady of Grace
Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)
Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2021**

ATTENDEES:

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

Welcome and Minutes Approval

Father Nathan began the meeting with a prayer. The PPC Chair welcomed the members and trustees to the meeting.

New Business

2021 New Member Introductions

New Council members beginning their three-year term in 2021 are Caron Trierweiler, Bill Egan, and Drew Pearson. Caron was present at the meeting and introduced herself to the Council. New members were selected based on various factors including their involvement in parish ministries and continuing representation of the parish demographics of the members that are rolling off of the Council in June.

Social Justice and Pastoral Care Ministry: Our Lady of Grace Race, Equity and Healing Initiative

Prior to this meeting, the Council was provided with a ministry update summarizing April 15, 2021, and May 5, 2021, meetings to review approaches to address racial equity/diversity by the OLG Catholic Community. During the meeting Mary Absolon presented a new initiative that she has been involved in with other members of the OLG community, including Regina Neville, and the larger Edina community. Regina provided additional information about the work that has been done to date. Mary Absolon recommended the Council approve two motions:

1. Commission the Our Lady of Grace (“OLG”) Race, Equity and Healing Initiative to develop and implement approaches to advance OLG’s Mission of Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved through Racial Equity and Healing.
2. Recommend Regina Neville as Chair for the OLG Race, Equity and Healing Initiative.

Steve Schreiber seconded the motion, and the recommendations were approved.

PPC Member Reflections

Prior to the meeting, Council members reflected on a Rose, a Thorn, and a Bud with a Rose being a highlight, success, win, positive impact; a Thorn being a challenge they experience or need more support with and a Bud being a new idea for 2021-2022. Members shared one item with the group. The members’ Rose, Bud and Thorn comments will be aggregated and considered in guiding the 2021-2022 Council year.

Joint PPC / School Advisory Council (“SAC”) Joint Meeting

The Joint PPC / SAC portion of the meeting kicked off with member introductions, discussion of the June 5th and 6th graduation and Return to Mass, Return to Community weekend, and a recap of the Advancing Our Mission Campaign.

Reflecting on 2020-2021 and Looking Forward to 2021-2022

The two Councils discussed areas of focus for the upcoming year, including Engagement and Finances, Synod and the 75th Anniversary celebration. The meeting concluded with Doug Fulton, PPC Chair, and Chris Bourne, SAC Chair, each giving their respective PPC and SAC year-end reports that recapped major accomplishments of the past year.

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/>.