

**Our Lady of Grace  
Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)  
Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021**

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>Priests</b>	Father Kevin Finnegan			
<b>2021</b>	Doug Fulton (Chair)	Mary Absolon	Sharri Harmel	
<b>2022</b>	Mike DuMond	Art Hays	Steve Schreiber (Vice-Chair)	Lucy Winter
<b>2023</b>	Ashley Biwan	Angela Ciagne (Secretary)	Ben Ganje	
<b>Trustees</b>	Chip Fuhrmann	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 November PPC minutes as drafted.

**Ministry Conversation: AOM and Construction Planning Update**

Steve Schreiber facilitated an AOM and Construction Planning Update with Jon Cassidy, Director of Advancement, and Joe Fitzgerald, Co-Chair of the AOM Continuation Committee. To date, 87% of the \$26M goal has been met, with current gifts and pledges totaling \$22.6M. Even further, 97.4% of households that have contributed a pledge have already made full or partial payments. The remaining amount is anticipated to come from key donors and matching gifts, strategic fundraising targets and a fundraiser in Maureen Trenary’s honor that was kicked off in January. Construction will kick off with Blessing and Prayer services April 9-11, 2021; construction is expected to be complete in September 2021. The AOM conversation was followed by a general discussion of the parish fundraising process and donor tracking and demographics.

**New business**

***Liaison Reports***

Doug Fulton provided an update on Administration from Deacon Bob Durham, Business Administrator. Recent accomplishments in completion of the rectory and getting the priests moved in as well as the new HVAC that was completed as part of Phase 1 of the AOM Campaign. Upcoming milestones include budgeting for the next year and Phase 2 of the AOM Campaign. Administration will be the featured conversation in the March meeting. Ben Ganje also updated the Council on School happenings. The current focus is on 2021-2022 school year budget, staffing and curriculum.

***New PPC Member Task***

Steve Schreiber is heading a task force to fill the three Council positions that will open when Doug, Mary and Sharri’s terms are up in June. He is speaking with ministry leaders and other staff for potential candidates. Desired candidates would represent the parish demographics of the members that are rolling off.

***Project Return to Community, Return to Mass, Return to Mission***

Project Return to Community, Return to Mass, Return to Mission is about bringing our parish community back together in a post-pandemic world. It begins with finding safe ways to engage parishioners in community during the pandemic. The Council discussed several ideas for how to do this in the upcoming

months as we move into summer and are able to be outside more. When the pandemic eases, the community engagement continues and a return to mass and mission in larger numbers will be possible.

***Other Discussions***

- School of Mission – The Council members stopped by Cassidy Hall to meet a group of young professionals who are participating in evangelism training with Father Nathan.
- Nearby projects – The Council was informed of two projects happening nearby; one being a potential apartment building at the current Perkins location and the other being the installation of a new roundabout near the public works site.
- Liturgy assistance – PPC and SAC members will be signing up to assist as ushers, greeters and Eucharistic Ministers for the Confirmation masses taking place the week of February 22. PPC will also volunteer to assist at Easter masses. There will be additional opportunities to assist at first communion masses April 24 and May 1.

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/>.