

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

ATTENDEES:

Priests	Father Kevin Finnegan			
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 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 February PPC minutes as drafted.

Ministry Conversation: Administration

Doug Fulton facilitated an engaging discussion with Deacon Bob Durham regarding the spiritual enterprise that is the business of the church. Deacon Bob answered questions the Council submitted in advance and along the way shared his philosophy for bringing spirituality to Administration for the past 18 years, things he loves about this ministry and saints he looks to in his role. Deacon Bob also shared his perspective for a successful 18 month construction project as the AOM campaign moves from planning to execution.

New business

Liaison Reports

Ashley Biwan provided an update on Adult Formation. Recent events include a men’s mini-retreat and women’s morning retreat. The young professionals group has been active with approximately 20 participates in the School of Mission, the growth of small groups and Live at the Harbor beginning again since the pandemic began.

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. A list of recommended candidates as begun; candidates will be contacted over the next several weeks and interviews with Father Kevin will be set up in mid to late April. Desired candidates would represent the parish demographics of the members that are rolling off.

Project Return to Community, Return to Mass, Return to Mission (RTM)

RTM 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. Art Hayes presented several ideas and a reengagement calendar that the RTM Committee prepared. The proposed RTM weekend would begin the weekend of June 5-6 with a large tent set up outside for fellowship after each mass. The Council discussed other ideas for how to safely come together as a parish community this summer.

Other Discussions

- Archdiocese Lay Advisory Board (LAB) – Mary Absolon shared materials from the prior LAB meeting gathered input from the Council on the area of racial equity. Monique Maddox shared that she is working on a national committee focused on racial healing. The following week Monique shared a public announcement regarding the Descendants Truth and Reconciliation Foundation. More information about the mission of this foundation can be found here at: [Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation](#)
- Men's Club Update – The Council was provided with an update on the fundraising from the OLG Men's Club Gala and the upcoming Fish Fry.

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/>.