

**Our Lady of Grace  
Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)  
Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021**

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>Priests</b>	Father Nathan Hastings			
<b>2021</b>	Doug Fulton (Chair)	Mary Absolon		
<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 Nathan 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 March PPC minutes as drafted.

**Ministry Conversation: Parish School**

Ben Ganje facilitated an engaging discussion with Mrs. Ginger Vance, Principal and Chris Bourne, School Advisory Committee (“SAC”) Chair. Mrs. Vance spoke of the joys and changes in her first year at OLG, leading through the pandemic and the positive lessons and changes that will continue after COVID restrictions are lifted. Mrs. Vance and Mr. Bourn also discussed the new preschool operations, school budget and finances, and the biggest challenges facing OLG, and many other schools, in next three to five years.

**New business**

***Liaison Reports***

Ashley Biwan and Lucy Winter provided an update on Adult Formation since last month. First, plans for Synod are commencing, with a goal is to have 1000 OLG parishioners participate (i.e., 100 small groups of 10 people) in this fall’s event. Additionally, OLG is considering a contract with Communio. Communio is a nonprofit organization that helps parishes celebrate and strengthen marriage and family life. Learn more at [www.communio.org/about](http://www.communio.org/about).

***PPC New Member Task***

Steve Schreiber provided an update from the task force charged with filling the three Council positions that will open up in June. The task force met in March to contact candidates and identify candidates for interviews with Father Kevin; interviews are expected to be in late April. Candidates are identified to represent the parish demographics of the members that are rolling off.

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

RTM is about bringing our parish community back together in a post-pandemic world. Art Hayes provided an update on a June event to bring parishioners together after masses on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> as well as ideas for a larger celebration in September.

### ***Other Discussions***

- AOM Update – Steve Schreiber provided an updated on AOM pledges and the Maureen Trenary Millions of Memories campaign. Approval has been received from the Archdiocese to begin construction.
- Racial Equity Update – As a follow-up to the prior meetings Mary Absolon shared that OLG is looking into opportunities to brainstorm and connect with local groups on this important topic.

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/>.