

**St. Gregory the Great**  
**Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 2021**

**Present:** Fr. Todd Budde, Michelle Zakula, Barb Wilk, Jack Kelly, Eileen Lipinski, Joey Kovnesky, Patti Penkalski, Jackie Konkol, Jeff Senn, Lauran Vetuschi and Yolande Lasky

**Excused:** Chris Hodges and Donna Higgins

The council meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

The Pastoral Council began with prayer.

Minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting were amended and approved.

**Father Todd:**

Father noted that the Archdiocese has provided new Mass directives. All restrictions have been lifted with the exception of communion. There will still only be hosts.

The weekday Mass schedule will resume the week of July 6th.

The Archdiocese is rolling out a capital campaign called "Faith in Our Future-Love One Another." The campaign will be rolled out in waves beginning with preparation. Fundraising will kick off January 2022. The goal is for our parish to raise approximately \$732000.

**Patti Penkalski:**

Financials were circulated prior to the meeting for review and opened up discussion for any questions. Patti noted that the Parish will be moving forward with the Parish Festival, however it will be on a much smaller scale. It will run Thursday through Saturday.

Commission notes/minutes are attached hereto.

**Closing:**

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Lauran Vetuschi, Secretary

**St. Gregory the Great**  
**Commission Notes/ Report**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on September 14, 2021.. The following are Commission minutes/notes that were provided to me from a representative of the Commission.

**Finance:** Barb Wilk and Chris Hodges

Nothing to report.

**Liturgy/Worship:** Lauran Vetuschi

Please see attached report provided to me by Cindy Bremeier.

**Human Concerns:** Michelle Zakula and Eileen Lipinski

Back to School Drive from SVDP was a success and supported many children in the parish and neighborhood. Discussion around providing the school a list of families who use the pantry was suggested. This would preserve dignity for all and allow families to accept help from the school who would know how to help (confidentially!).

Fr. Gene's Help Center Clothing Drive is set for October 16/17. Clothing can be dropped off before each weekend Mass and will be picked up by the Help Center promptly on Monday, October 18th. Volunteers are greatly appreciated for each Mass--to receive the clothing and stage it until pick up for Monday.

Miguel Mendez will be speaking at Mass on September 18/19 on behalf of our Sister Parish-Our Lady of the Highest Grace. This will be our annual Mission Appeal weekend in support of our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic.

*Pastoral Care:*

We have experienced the death of many parishioners in the past two months or so. Many of them were founding members of St. Greg's. Ongoing support and care for the families continues through our bereavement ministry.

Our annual Memorial Mass (for all those parishioners who died this past year) will be held on Saturday, November 6th at the 4pm Mass. We will name all of the parishioners during Mass and provide each family who is present with a memorial ornament as they exit church.

The sunshine club received a generous memorial gift from a parish family and will be looking to do a special outreach project for our homebound this year. We are exploring different ideas at this time.

**Stewardship and Community Building:** Joey Kovnesky and Jackie Konkol

Nothing to report.

**Evangelization/Formation:** Jack Kelly

There is a newly formed Youth Ministry program, Faith in Action-Teens (FIAT), for grades 6-12. Over the summer a teen participated in a week long retreat at Cardinal Stritch. Another teen participated in the

Walking with Jesus Service Camp in Racine. Activities included home repair and helping out at a Bible school.

**School:** Yolande Lasky

School Commission Meeting Notes - June 15, 2021

*Principal's Report*

\*\*Enrollment as of the end of May is 150- Choice students and 11 tuition paying students. The budget is set at 150 Choice students and 10 tuition paying students.

\*\*Marketing - Marketing efforts continue, with an emphasis on the Early Childhood grades. The school position which deals with marketing is currently vacant. Efforts are underway to fill that position.

\*\*The fall 'Walk for Schools' will no longer be held at Mount Mary, but rather at individual school sites. Saint Greg's will reach out to both the school and parish members for participants. Monies raised will be used to support school Music activities.

\*\*Efforts are underway to find a choir director for an 'After School' choir, which will sing at weekly school Liturgies.

## **Parish Council Commission Planning**

**Name of Commission** – Liturgy Commission

**Areas of Ministry that Commission covers** –

Music, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Arts & Environment

**Members of Commission:**

**Council Liaison:** Luran Vetuschi

**Parish Members:** Randy Green, Mike Stewart, Jo Therese Fahres, Kim Kitzke

**Staff members:** Cindy Bremer

**Purpose of Commission**

Enhance the celebration of the Mass through song, prayer, environment by:

- Identifying, inviting, encouraging, fellow parishioners to become involved in one of the liturgical ministries, based on the gifts observed in that person
- Foster a sense of Welcome and Community among parish members (assembly)
- Discern feedback from parishioners and advise the pastor on appropriate action
- Assist the pastor with planning and implementing various aspects of liturgical activities

**Areas of strength in Ministry**

- Assembly prays well together both verbally and in song
- Good preaching by all clergy; fortunate to have two deacons
- Liturgical décor
- Committed Volunteers
- Friendly, welcome feeling
- Organization of Liturgical Rites / Mass, good flow to liturgy

**Areas for Growth in Ministry**

- Mass attendance (this is hard with COVID numbers on the rise again)
- More volunteers in all areas

**1-2 smart goals for 2021-2022 (Specific, measurable, Achievable, relevant, Time bound)**

**Smart goals: Recruit and Train parishioners for the following ministries:**

1-2 Adult / High school funeral acolytes

1-2 New cantors

3 New Student or Adult acolytes

2 New Lectors

3 New Eucharistic Ministers

2 New members to Arts and Environment

**How will we accomplish?**

- A. Bulletin announcements / website / social media platforms

- B. We would like to choose a weekend in the fall, maybe October, where we would have people from the commission do a personal invitation after Communion, to learn more about Liturgical Ministries, and then have members of the commission or other ministers around to answer questions parishioners may have.