**MQHR PPC**

**MINUTES MAY 20, 2025**

**Attendees:**

Fr. Miguel

Liz Thompson, Chair

Becky Estep

Tara Kaufmann

Chris Claunch

Lucia Jeronimo

Tom Keene

Dave Bernard

Yurida Guizar

Otto Piechowski

Holly Jo Johnson

Evan Crane

Ann Henry

Fabian Garcia

Marty Terhune

Anthony Pescatore

Rod Stern

**Opening Prayer.** Dave Bernard

**MQHR Parish Leadership Training:** Rod Stern from the Diocese Office was introduced and started a discussion on leadership in the parish. After much discussion and input from several in meeting, it was determined that a subcommittee be established to get together all thoughts and questions and then meet separately with Rod Stern to work through options. Subcommittee included Dave Bernard, Marty Terhune, Holly Jo Johnson and Becky Estep.

**Approval of April 15 Minutes:** Dave Bernard moved that the minutes be approved, and Tom Keene seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Review of Key Assumptions for 2025-26 Budget:** Anthony Pescatore and Tara Kaufmann presented budget outlook, key assumptions and figures for 2024-25 and 2025-26. No budget has been presented to PPC or Fr. Miguel but will be at June meeting. Fr. Miguel is meeting with Bishop Stowe and Diocese about budget in coming weeks. Demographics of parish have changed. Overall prices of inflation through years have increased but offering has remained the same. Although fewer families are giving, those that are giving are giving more, which is helping offset. Major budget cuts on table and were reviewed.

Chair Thompson recommended the PPC begin the synodal process to allow each member to express concerns/thoughts of budget issue. Chair Thompson started with a prayer, Tara Kauffman offered a bible verse from Romans 8 and Chris Claunch also offered a prayer. Each member followed with some brief thoughts and concerns. Fr. Miguel also addressed several concerns and presented PPC with question – Where is God calling us? Chair Thompson reviewed that overall themes from process were unity, coming together, one parish, better communication.

**Subcommittee on Parish Finances:** Chair Thompson charged the subcommittee on parish finances that was formed to meet again prior to the next PPC meeting and determine next steps on budget key assumptions

**Motion to Fr. Miguel to Present Change to Liturgy Committee:** Holly Jo Johnson asked for Fr. Miguel to present to the Liturgy Committee the possibility of adding the text readings to the big screens since there are no longer daily reading books in mass. Fr. Miguel agreed.

**Closing Prayer.** Fr. Miguel

**2025 Schedule of Committee Report to Father Miguel and the Parish Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Dates Scheduled Committee Report, etc.**

6/03/2025 Budget Meeting

7/8/2025 No meeting

8/12/2025 Liturgy Committee

9/9/2025 School Update

10/14/2025 Formation

11/11/2025

12/09/2025 No December Meeting 

Notes:

1. Mary Queen’s Goals and objectives can be found at <https://mqhr.org/documents/2016/2/PPC%20Goals%20c%202016.pdf>
2. The Parish Pastoral Council’s Constitution and Bylaws can be found at <https://mqhr.org/constitution-bylaws>
3. Reports/presentations should provide Father Miguel and the PPC with a general report of activities and participation in the past year, details about how the committee or ministry is meeting (or planning to meet) Mary Queen Parish’s goals and objectives, and outline any challenges the committee is facing in accomplishing its goals. Each committee/ministry should be prepared with input from the entire committee. If the committee hold regular meetings, the upcoming report to the PPC should be included on a meeting agenda in advance of the PPC meeting date.
4. Committee reports should be submitted in writing to the Chair (Liz Thompson) and the Recorder prior to the meeting. These reports will be published along with the minutes. if the committee representative cannot be present at the PPC meeting in which they are assigned to report, the committee member should notify the PPC committee chair (Liz Thompson) as far in advance as possible.
5. Prior to the assigned committee report date, all PPC members should prepare for the upcoming meeting by reviewing the parish’s goals and objectives, and planning questions and suggestions to be discussed at the meeting.