

MQHR PPC Minutes January 13, 2026

Attendees:

- 1. Lucia Jeronimo**
- 2. Yuridia Guizar-Manzur**
- 3. Chris Claunch**
- 4. Katie Bollinger**
- 5. Holly Jo Johnson**
- 6. Jane Toms**
- 7. Jay Postlewaite**
- 8. Sherry Postlewaite**
- 9. Sun Chung**
- 10. Ed Monahan**
- 11. Fabian Garcia**
- 12. Ann Henry**
- 13. Jennifer Longworth**
- 14. Laura Adams**
- 15. Trish Dryer**
- 16. Leslie McGraw**
- 17. Cindy Hellinger**
- 18. Marty Terhune**
- 19. Otto Piechowski**
- 20. Becky Estep**
- 21. Liz Thompson**
- 22. Fr. Miguel**

Opening Prayer

All present prayed:

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill my life with Your gifts.

Let my life be true and my charity be generous.

Help me in all my needs and grant me the knowledge to do what is right.

Advise me in my doubt and strengthen me in my weakness.

Protect me when I am tempted and protect me when I am afraid.

Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour your light into my heart, mind, and soul.

Help me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and in grace.

Amen

Parish Life & Hospitality Committees

The meeting began with welcoming the new chairs of the Parish Life Committee (Cindy Hellinger & Trish Dryer) and the Hospitality Committee (Jay Postlewaite & Sherry Postlewaite) and members of their committees attending above. Chair Thompson discussed the purposes of their committees:

Parish Life. The parish Bylaws state that the The Parish Life Committee is to emphasize the importance of human relationships in the parish. The Committee strives to provide fun and wholesome opportunities for parishioners to get to know one another at a deeper level, reinforcing the sense of community and family, and helping us in the true meaning of hospitality. Specific responsibilities include:

- a. Promoting family life;
- b. Providing social opportunities for parishioners to meet and interact; and
- c. Developing an awareness of the needs of singles, couples, parents and retired members of our community.

MQHR's recently adopted Goals & Objectives describe the work to be headed by the Hospitality Committee as:

Hospitality

- Practice **Exceptional Hospitality** so that all experience the love of God in our community.
- Train ministry leaders to integrate hospitality into every area of parish life.
- Welcome back those returning to the faith and encourage ongoing participation.
- Increase parishioner engagement, aiming for measurable growth in satisfaction and belonging.
- Form a hospitality committee.

Other members of the PPC then discussed suggestions and ideas they had for the committees, including: ways to welcome new parishioners; support for the Merry Widows group, those who need prayers, and our Spanish parishioners at this difficult

time. The 2 committees above were then adjourned from the PPC meeting and gathered nearby for their first committee meeting.

Fr. Miguel Report. Fr. Miguel then discussed how wonderful the Christmas Season had been at Mary Queen. The Parish seemed to experience a truly spirit filled season. Good things are happening in the Parish. This does not happen overnight but slowly like water cutting a new course the community is being "Transformed by the Holy Spirit, United in Christ, and sent to do God's work."

Formation of Stewardship Committee – Chair Thompson discussed that the next committee called for by the Parish Goals & Objectives to be formed is the Stewardship Committee. As set out in the parish bylaws:

Stewardship. The Stewardship Committee is to help parishioners realize that all we have, and all we are, comes from God. Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all his blessings. The Stewardship Committee supports the theology and practice of stewardship by identifying opportunities and inviting parishioners to make commitments of time, talent, and treasure to our parish. Specific responsibilities include:

- a. Helping to provide a sense of stewardship or discipleship for each parish member and ministry area;
- b. Developing and implementing strategies to enhance the effectiveness of efforts relating to cultivating and nurturing the sacrificial giving of our time, talent, and treasure; and
- c. Communicating with the parish regarding the human, operational, and capital needs for ministries and service.

Ann Henry, who was the last chair of this committee before it disbanded discussed that it was very difficult for the committee to accomplish anything and was dropped due to its ineffectiveness. Just asking people for money doesn't work. Also, it is very important that the Stewardship Committee be fully apprised regarding the activities of the Finance Committee. A copy of the Donor Bill of Rights being adopted by the Diocese was circulated as an example of the importance of needed financial transparency. Others discussed that the focus of any new committee should be time, talent, and treasure. All should be thanked for whatever they contribute, which the parish has failed to do in the past. If we prioritize evangelization, stewardship will result. "Build it and they will come". Chris Claunch is the staff person who will work with the Stewardship Committee. No recommendations for possible chairs were suggested.

Closing Prayer – Chair Thompson closed the meeting with prayer.

2026 Schedule of Committee Reports to Father Miguel and the Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Dates	Scheduled Committee Report, etc.
1/13/2026	????
2/10/2026	Communication
3/10/2026	Parish Life/Hospitality
4/07/2026	Evangelization
5/05/2026	Review of key assumptions for the 2026-2027 budget
6/09/2026	Finance Council (Budget) Rob Twist
7/25/2026	PPC Retreat
8/11/2026	Liturgy Committee – Adam Beeken
9/08/2026	School Update – Ann Henry & Becky Brown
10/13/2026	Formation / Education – Dave Bernard
11/10/2026	???
December	No December Meeting

Notes:

1. Mary Queen's Goals and objectives can be found at <https://mqhr.org/parish-goals-and-objectives>.
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