

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Minutes of Special Meeting Pastoral Council and Finance Council Saturday, March 27, 2021

A special meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council and Finance Council was held in the Gym at the Parish Center on 106th Street on Saturday, March 27, 2021, commencing at 10:01 AM.

1. Meeting opened with a prayer from Grace read by Mary Maberry and an Our Father.

Attendees as follows:

Pastoral Council: Mary Maberry, Chairperson, Gary Jensen, Gil Van Blaricom, John Czepulis, John Gomez, Jon Leonardelli, Julie Barkow-Peck, Mary Lou Hopkins, and Susan Scharmach, as Recording Secretary

Finance Council: Bernie Hintzke, Chairperson, Doug Barnes, Trustee, Dan LaFond, Darryl Draeger, Grace Elliott, Trustee, Jack Schickert, Keith Marx, and Sue Harrits

Excused from the meeting were Mary Wenger and Terri Weber

2. Mary started by defining the Parish Leadership Team which consists of Mary Maberry, Council Chairperson, Trustees Doug Barnes and Grace Elliott, and Mary Wenger, Business Administrator.

Mary continued by giving some background on Fr. Jeff's health since the March 1 Council meeting and forward to his current condition. As of Wednesday, Fr. has chosen to decline all further treatments. His cancer has progressed, he is weak and is on liquid morphine for pain.

On Thursday, March 25th, Leadership met via Zoom with Fr. Jerry Herda, Vicar for Clergy, for direction on what the Parish next steps should be. They requested priestly presence on a temporary basis to minister sacramentally to Parishioners as well as to fulfill Fr. Jeff's plans and the vision for our Parish. Fr. Herda will work with Council on obtaining a temporary Administrator thru June 15th when a permanent Administrator will be assigned.

Leadership decided to update members on Fr. Jeff's health via a pulpit announcement at all Masses this weekend with continued updates for full transparency.

Emphasis was made that Pastoral and Finance Councils are the bridge to moving forward with the formal closing of each church site and welcoming all to the single Worship site located at 106th Street.

Council name tags will be ordered and in the interim the ones provided last year should be worn.

It was asked whether the Archdiocese could change any of our plans. Doug reassured us the Archdiocese is in full agreement with the plans as they are. The developer for the 92nd Street site is completing its due diligence and the sale is moving towards closing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM with a Hail Mary.

Respectfully submitted,

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