

MQHR PPC – MINUTES MARCH 10, 2026

Attendees: Fr. Miguel

Liz Thompson, Chair
Becky Estep
Leslie McGraw
Holly Jo Johnson
Evan Crane
Marty Terhune
Ed Monahan
Lucia Jeronimo
Ann Henry
Otto Piechowski
Tom Keene
Chris Claunch

Opening Prayer. Fr. Miguel

Fr. Miguel Update: Father shared that it was recently announced at masses that Father John will be staying at Mary Queen and Father Michael has been reassigned to Somerset. Father mentioned the need to continue reaching out and getting more involved with non-Hispanic parishioners. He mentioned that there is a lot of suffering in the church with people looking happy on Sundays but struggling daily in life and wants the church to help those more. Father mentioned the change in the church should bring excitement not negativity. Everyone in the meeting then took two minutes to give thoughts on Fr. Miguel's update. Among several things discussed, the idea of offering English and Spanish language classes before and after masses was discussed. It was also discussed that whoever is presiding over school masses, show up early and greet parents/grandparents as a way to build community.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Chair Thompson asked for any edits to the meeting minutes from February. Mr. Piechowski found several typos and those were agreed to be edited. Mr. Monahan moved to approve the minutes with edits and Mr. Keene seconded.

Scheduling of April Meeting: Chair Thompson said the previously scheduled April PPC meeting for April 7 will conflict with MQHR School Spring Break. It was discussed to see if Liturgy could move their monthly meeting to April. 28th so PPC can meet April 21.

Parish Life Committee Update: One of the co-chairs of the committee has decided to step back and focus on her own personal spirituality. It was agreed the other chair is more than suitable to handle committee on her own. The committee is working on several events throughout the year. It was mentioned to review food options at Friday Fish Frys and see if more diverse offerings are available. Mrs. Terhune is going to send options to Mrs. McGraw for review for next year.

Hospitality Committee Update: Committee is in early stages but is working on a tri-fold info booklet to have at masses and also an info center at masses. The committee is also working on welcome baskets for new parishioners.

Communication Committee Update: Committee is meeting in March to talk about listening process. Presentations before masses will continue and committee is excited about those. Working on scheduling another homily prep with priests in May.

Social Concerns Committee Update: Ms. Estep presented all the tremendous work of the social concerns committee, including a scheduled second collection for MQHR Supports Give Kids a Home,

which will be Aug. 29//30. MQ Food Pantry is going very well and has been used extensively by those who lost SNAP benefits or those who needed food during snow/ice storm. Thanksgiving Food Box Drive went very well with 180 boxes distributed, totaling food for 720 people. Several other initiatives were discussed, including St. Joseph's Helpers and A Caring Place. Ms. Estep was applauded for her work with the committee.

Closing Prayer. Ed Monahan offered the closing prayer and it was requested by several PPC members that it be transcribed in the minutes. It was as follows: ***No barrier can divide where life unites: one faith, one fount, one spirit makes one people.***

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

4/28/2026	Evangelization
5/05/2026	Review of key assumptions for the 2026-27 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	TBD
December 2026	No December Meeting

Notes:

1. Mary Queen's Goals and objectives: <https://mqhr.org/parish-goals-and-objectives>
2. Parish Pastoral Council's Constitution and Bylaws: <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.