**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)**

**Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022**

**ATTENDEES:**

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| **Priests** | Father Kevin Finnegan | Father Nathan Hastings |  |  |
| **2022** | Steve Schreiber (Chair) | Art Hays | Mike DuMond (join by phone) | Lucy Winter |
| **2023** | Angela Ciagne (Vice-Chair) | Ashley Biwan (join by phone) | Ben Ganje |  |
| **2024** | Caron Trierweiler (Secretary) | Bill Egan | Drew Pearson (absent) |  |
| **Trustees** | Chip Fuhrmann (absent) | Monique Maddox(absent) |  |  |
| **Guest Attendees** | Steve Bonello (absent) | Jen Beutz | Beryl Schewe |  |

**Welcome & Prayer**: Father Nathan began the meeting with prayer. The PPC Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**: Steve Schreiber, Chair, asked for comments on the December meeting minutes. The members approved the December minutes as written.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

1. ***Ministry Reflection:*** Pastoral Care with Beryl Schewe, Director of Pastoral Care & Jen Beutz, new Associate for Pastoral Care (Facilitated by Mike DuMond & Ashley Biwan)
   * Introductions – Beryl has been role 17 years. Jen started this past October in Pastoral Care
   * Why Pastoral Care – model what Jesus has done for those that are sick. We use that model and show people that Jesus is the healer. We cannot fix, and we cannot heal, only Jesus can do that.
   * Pastoral Care is:
     + Visiting the sick
     + Burying the dead/grief support (cornerstone of the work)
     + Prayer support
     + Offering support for those in need
     + Walking with one another as the hands and face of Christ
   * Pivots during covid – The work was helping those with trauma and how to bring them to a new normal or resiliency; For example, job loss, new to the community or had a fire…offered support on what will that new normal will look like
     + Covid keepers/Will continue to do:
       - More touch points now after a funeral such as Christmas ornaments for grieving families
       - Special Liturgies - mass of the anointing where OLG students participate in all aspects of the mass
   * Stephen Ministry – One on one support
     + 35 trained and active Stephen Ministers - It is in our brokenness that we can serve and reach out to someone else
     + 2240+ Service Hours last year
     + All trained as homebound Eucharistic Ministers
   * Homebound and Long-Term Care Communion Services – going to someone’s home/apartment or a LTC facility
     + 500+ annual visits to individuals and LTC facilities
     + Mass and confession offered at LTC sites at Advent & Lent
     + Ashes offered to Homebound and LTC residents
     + 15 Trained LTC volunteers
     + 12 Trained Homebound Communion Volunteers
     + Middle School Team – goodie bags for the drive through; 90 boxes of Christmas cookies for the LTC and homebound
   * Prayer of the rosary
     + confidential prayer group
     + 50,000+ decades of the rosary prayed annually for our sick
   * What we need to address/challenges – the needs that have emerged from the pandemic
     + Covid mental stress
       - Online life more encompassing
       - Silos of information reinforced
       - More friends, but less friendships. More inclined to turn to online than we are to turn outward
       - The need is extreme – 4-fold increase of self-reported anxiety and depression
     + Violence and Domestic Violence have increased.
     + The younger adults are having more trouble; they have grown up with connection, impact is younger women and those with families
     + Pivot in pastoral care is to think about these group; before focused on seniors but now broaden out the services
   * Programming that is coming or being expanded
     + Expand into younger demographic & be mindful of groups that we are serving. Weave in the spiritual component
     + Programming and classes
       - Grief support for widows
       - Powerful Tools for Caregivers (reach age 55-64) – 6-week virtual caregiver education & support group content is self-care, emotional management, and community resources
       - Implement Divorce support group in the summer
       - Anxiety group - 6-week course skill building focusing on resilience
       - Building healthy relationships group – 6-week class focused on interpersonal skills and fostering better communication
       - Educational Opportunities – NAMI presentations or open up Stephen Ministry on-going education to OLG community
   * Update: Our Lady of Grace Race, Equity & Healing Initiative
     + Our Lady of Stono kicked off in June - how we deal with race, equity and justice issues
     + “Let Us Dream” book will be a group read
2. ***Return to Mass:*** (Mike DuMond/Art Hayes)
   * Engagement follow-up (Art) – Father Kevin, Sean and Art will schedule time in February
   * Donut Sundays (Mike) – Sunday, Jan 23 from 10:45am – 11:30am. Need the most help with serving and replenishing the room and then the pickup afterwards. Volunteers are Steve, Trish, & Ben
   * New Parishioner Sunday – February volunteers (Art)
3. ***Follow Up*** 
   * AOM Update (Bill Egan) – Total campaign goal is $28.5Million; 90% goal collected to date; 98% of donors have completed payment
   * Building Tour update – tours were last week; the quality of the building will be an attraction for people
   * Pledge Drive – 3 weekends in November testimonials were on tithing, modeling giving, and stewardship renewal. We continue to receive and process pledge cards; the number of pledges cards doubled over last year.
4. ***Liaison Reports & Impromptu Reflections from Ministries***
   * Remaining Ministry Reflections (Steve Schreiber)
     + February, Liturgy and Music
     + March, Family Formation Ministries
     + April TBD
   * Preview February Ministry Reflection: Liturgy & Music (Lucy Winter) if we have any questions share with Chris Wallace and Marissa Carletta
     + Concert series to raise money to maintain the instruments
     + Bridging the school with music ministry
     + Reconfiguring the music area because Chris is directing the choir from the organ
   * Men’s Club Gala Preview (Ben Ganje/Chip Fuhrmann)
     + 150 items procured for the gala like rare wine, vacations, etc
     + Silent Auction open Feb. 2
     + 73 tickets remain available and 380 total
     + Will be a good community building component
   * Soliciting PPC Feedback: Building Amazing Marriages (Angela Ciagne)
     + Promoted on FB, bulletins, E-news
       - Ask that PPC prays for marriages
       - Goal to bring more people into OLG by supporting healthy marriages
       - Normalize working on your marriage
5. ***New PPC Member Candidates*** (Steve Schreiber & Angela Ciagne)
   * Task Force Meeting – Jan/Feb timeframe
   * Ask outgoing members (Steve, Art, Mike & Lucy) to refer/recruit similar candidates
6. ***Wrap up & Closing Comments*** 
   * Closing Comments
   * Upcoming Dates
   * Father Kevin Closing Remarks - continue to talk to each other & make connections; always look for someone we don’t know; PPC can model that behavior

**Contact Us**: The PPC meets the second Tuesday of the month at OLG. The 2021-2022 Council Chair is Steve Schreiber and the Vice Chair is Angela Ciagne. If you have ideas or issues that you would like to bring before the Council, you may reach out to Steve at 507-276-6081 or Angela at 612-616-5985. More information about the PPC, its members and its mission can be found on the OLG web site: <http://www.olgparish.org/parish-council/>.

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