**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)**

**Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**: Angela Ciagne ask for comments on the September meeting minutes. An edit was offered for the AOM campaign to state $26 million. The members approved the September minutes with the AOM campaign edit.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

1. ***Ministry Introduction:*** Marissa Carletta, Director of Liturgy introduced herself to the PPC. We welcome Marissa to her new role.
2. ***Ministry Update Young Professionals:*** Tyler McCollum, Associate for Mission introduced himself to the Council and has been in role since June. Tyler’s job is relationship building and sharing a personal initiation to love God. He has had 82 conversations in the last 4 months over coffee, fellowship, or bible study.
3. ***Return to Mass:*** Mike DuMond & Art Hays

***Parish Life Engagement:***

* Coffee & Donuts: Mike shared that the first Coffee & Donut Sunday is Oct. 17 after 9:30am mass and Young Professionals Ministry Team will be greeters. The goal is to offer this fellowship once monthly and partner with a different ministry team per time. Two or three PPC members are needed to prep the coffee and donut treats in the kitchen and set up Cassidy Hall. Mike has detailed instructions for hosting and PPC members should meet at 8:45am in kitchen. Through December, Parish Council will be the host. Starting in January, different ministries host.
* New Member Orientation: Art stated that 2 PPC members should attend new member orientation. Council member should introduce yourself and share a favorite thing about OLG. A list will be sent out on your turn to attend.

1. ***Follow Up Items:***
   * 75 Celebration wrap up & thank you: Bill Egan invited council members to share their experience of the outdoor mass. Many OLG staff were involved in pulling off the event and council members are assigned to communicate written notes of thanks. Bill will send instructions on this to the group.
   * Synod update: Steve Schreiber met with Stephanie Lloyd and provided an update on Synod. Steve shared that parishioners are viewing Synod as a positive and worthwhile experience. Steve elaborated that it’s well organized, the videos have good teaching/Catholic content, and facilitators/scribes are finding their roles easy to execute. Over 200 people are signed up and attending.
   * PPC Social/Volunteer Activities: Steve Schreiber
     + ***Ideas for PPC activity*** with spouses will be planned soon.
     + ***Meeting snacks.*** A sign up for snacks will be sent out. Art volunteered for November meeting and Ashley will provide snacks for January meeting.
2. ***Updates:***
   * Staffing: Father Kevin informed the Council we are seeking candidates for Marketing & Communications and Director of High School Ministry. Further, Melissa Miller will retire in December. Melissa is currently parttime in social justice and facility management, but we are hoping to hire a full-time person for these duties so as to more fully engage in works of justice, advocacy and charity for the hungry, the unborn, the urban core, Ghana, etc.
   * AOM Update: Art Hayes provided an update that we have reached 90% of our current campaign goal of $26 million of which $18 million has been collected. We are on time to start pre-school next Fall 2022. Monthly “show and tell” is planned to engage the parish in the progress of AOM. Meetings will begin soon on the process for dedicating and naming spaces. Next month, Jon Cassidy will provide a full advancement update, not just AOM.
3. ***Liaison Reports & Impromptu Reflections from Ministries***
   * Adult Faith Formation – Communio update: Angela Ciagne recapped that Communio started with a survey this past summer followed by a town hall to establish where and how to incorporate Communio at OLG. The first event is Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 7-9pm. Spots are still open, cost is $25 per couple and childcare is included.
   * Pastoral Care, Social Concern and Justice: Mike DuMond & Ashley Biwan reported many highlights on this ministry. More than 320 OLG parishioners are actively involved as volunteers in the Pastoral Care, Social Justice, and Community Life Ministry and 41 different programs are reaching those in need.

18 new Stephen Minister candidates are in training, and this is the largest class OLG has ever trained. Communion Service Teams for homebound and long-term care are back and serving local nursing homes.

Funeral service support has also resumed. OLG has 50+ funerals per year and each funeral requires 8-10 hours of staff time, plus support of food, liturgy, and music.

Community Life and Social Justice programs are back as well including Night to Life, Sharing & Caring Hands, Loaves & Fishes, Meals on Wheels, food drives, and Giving Tree for catholic schools scholarships.

Mike and Ashley stated that the areas of opportunity are advocacy for legislation, tutors as JPII, and a Professional Adult Women’s Club. An area of challenge will be to backfill Melissa Miller. She retires at the end of December 2021 and with her 16 years at OLG had developed strong networks.

* + Other Liaison reports – none

**Wrap Up/Closing Comments:**

* Potential new PPC Candidates (standing item): Council members should start recruiting now and email names to Steve or Angela.

**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/>.