**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

**February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

**Priests**: Fr. Kevin Finnegan

**PPC Members:** Bill Egan (Chair), Claire Wallin (Vice Chair), Caron Trierweiler, Drew Pearson, Bryan Huntington, Jason Mosakowski, Mary Jo Cole, Thomas Meyer (absent), Ann Harens (absent) (Bud Janousek (absent), Sally Raih

**Trustees:** Chip Fuhrmann (absent);Shari Rogalski

**Welcome**

Sally Raih opened the meeting with a reflection and prayer.

**Approval of January Minutes**

The members approved the January PPC Meeting Minutes as drafted.

**Ministry Updates: Parish Administrator Update**

Steve Bonello discussed his transition into the Parish Administrator role and provided updates on budget planning, staffing (including plans to improve staff on-boarding and exits), the new database, and future building considerations.

**Standing and Follow-Up Items**

**Synod Updates**

Mary Jo Cole noted that the Synod small groups were underway and that there were currently 19 new small groups plus 3 standing small group following the Synod curriculum for a total of 250 participants. The groups will meet during Lent and will focus on the Sunday readings. Discussion was held on continuity of the groups after Lent as well as how to include more people.

**2024-2025 PPC Member Recruiting**

Bill Egan encouraged members to suggest names for the 2024-2025 PPC Council. There are four slots to fill, including Ann Harens’ seat; she has resigned due to a potential conflict of interest with her accounting firm, which conducts the OLG audit. Members may suggest names directly on the Sharepoint document.

**PPC Discussion Recap Re Pastoral Council**

This item was tabled to the March meeting.

**Additional Discussion**

Discussion was held on church safety and security in light of recent church violence in Texas. Discussion was also held on the continued shortage in our liturgical ministries (altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors and sacristans) and ideas for increasing participation.

**Wrap-Up and Closing Comments**

Bill Egan provided closing comments and closed the meeting in prayer for Fr. Bob Schwarz.

**Contact Us**

The PPC meets the second Tuesday of the month at OLG. The 2023-2024 Council Chair is Bill Egan and the Vice Chair is Claire Wallin. If you have ideas or issues that you would like to bring before the Council, you may reach out to Bill (612-201-8443). More information about the PPC, its members and its mission can be found on the OLG web site: [http://www.olgparish.org/parish-Council/](http://www.olgparish.org/parish-council/).