**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

**August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

**Priests**: Fr. Kevin Finnegan, Fr. John Utecht

**PPC Members in Attendance:** Bill Egan (Chair), Caron Trierweiler, Drew Pearson, Bryan Huntington, Jason Mosakowski, Thomas Meyer, Sally Raih, and Bud Janousek

**Trustees:** Chip Fuhrmann

**Welcome**

The PPC Chair, Bill Egan, welcomed the 2023-2024 council to the meeting. He then led the PPC with a prayer and personal reflection.

**Introductions**

The existing members introduced themselves to new members and shared their experiences in liaison roles and as a member of the PPC. The new members introduced themselves and shared their previous involvement at Our Lady of Grace.

Fr. Kevin discussed the purpose of the PPC and that the PPC exists to assist the pastor with discernment for parish direction and initiatives, to be informed and to inform, and to be present at various parish functions. The PPC facilitates decision making through discernment and listening in their liaison roles.

**Logistics/Housekeeping**

Bill Egan discussed meeting structure and expectations, and a new standing agenda time for PPC member to open each meeting with a prayer and personal reflection. There followed a discussion regarding access to the PPC SharePoint site and Signups for Welcome & Prayer, Snacks, and New Parishioner Meeting

**Parish Ministries**

Bill Egan led a discussion of parish ministries and a discussion of how the PPC sees the liaison role and how the council would like that to look. The PPC agreed that to return to a written reporting format with PPC member meeting with their liaison contacts early, and to provide periodic regular reports, with specific ministry reports for discussion at PPC meetings to be determined on an ad hoc basis. PPC member were asked to submit their top three ministry liaison choices by the end of August.

**Standing & Follow up Items**

A report was made on Donut Sunday. PPC members were encouraged to signup as volunteers and to help recruit families/parishioners to do the same. Upcoming Dates are 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10

**School Update**

Fr Kevin provided an update on the school. All but one teaching roles have been filled. He School has enrolled 870 students for the 2023-2024 school year. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the School.

**Synod Update** (Fr. Kevin)

Fr. Kevin reported on the progress of the Synod and the hire of Jessica Balzarini to oversee the OLG Synod process and the women’s ministry.

**Ministry Updates** (Fr. Kevin)

Fr. Kevin updated the PPC on other new hires for key roles in the parish, including the retirement of Bob Durham and the appointment of Steve Bonello as the new parish administrator. He also discussed the Women’s Ministry (Women of Grace) and the progress on the Ghana outreach ministry.

**Building Update** (Fr. Kevin)

Fr. Kevin provided an update on the new kitchen management service, Flik, enhancements to the AV system in the gym, and an update on improvements to the sanctuary.

**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/).