**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)**

**Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2021**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**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 August meeting minutes. The members approved the August minutes as drafted.

**Old Business –** New PPC members should provide a headshot and brief personal story to Steve Bonello for the website.

**New Business**

1. ***Ministry Reflection for Synod:*** Stephanie Lloyd

Synod small groups run for 6 weeks from September 20 through November 4, with Oct. 17-23 off for MEA. Stephanie shared that 130 people have signed up to serve as facilitators and scribes, but we are still seeking more members to join small groups. Our Lady of Grace will host small group meetings on campus on Monday & Thursday mornings 9-11am, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings 7-9pm. PPC should encourage registration at <https://www.olgparish.org> and share the message that even if you can only attend once, please come.

* Persons can attend different sessions if same time doesn’t work each week. E.g., if Wednesday night doesn’t work each of the 6 weeks you can attend the Tuesday session of that works better on week.
* Registration is encouraged, but it is not required to sign up for the time you will most be able to attend. Registration is for planning/logistical purposes and providing enough hospitality.
* Highly encourage attending first week since it is foundational.

1. ***Return to Mass***

***Parish Life Engagement:*** Mike Dumond & Art Hays

Mike & Art presented on renewing community and fellowship. They proposed

starting coffee and donuts after mass to create an inviting atmosphere

of community, hospitality, and warmth. The goal is to reach both current and

new members who have lost connections with other parishioners. The rationale

is also to create a venue to re-involve members in Mass and Parish Life.

* Start with 1 mass per month, revolving mass time depending on other activities on the calendar
* Target timing to start in early October
* Goal is to have different parish groups provide the welcome in the commons and staff the table (*i.e.* Parish Council, SAC, Men’s Club, ministry teams, etc.)

***Parish Life Involvement:*** Mike Dumond

Mike presented the parish life calendar spreadsheet and reminded PPC members to sign up indicating their attendance at Mass and other parish events.

1. ***75th Anniversary Celebration:*** Bill Egan

Billpresented that the 75th Anniversary Celebration will have a 10am outdoor mass (combining 9:30 & 11:30). Festivities after mass include food trucks, games, and inflatables. A postcard and letter invitation will be sent to families to promote the celebration and mass time change of 10am. There will also be simulcast on an FM station for parishioners staying inside their vehicle. PPC should attend mass and help in various roles such as greeting, handing out worship aids, and administering communion.

1. ***Building Update:*** Art Hayes

Art shared an update on The $26Million AOM campaign. To date, $23.3Million is pledged and18Million is collected. An effort will be brought forward to raise the remaining $5Million to finish the project. Construction is currently on time and on budget for opening in Fall 2022.

1. ***Liaison Reports:*** Drew Pearson & Caron Trierweiler
   * ***OLG School Update:*** Drew shared that the start of school has incredibly positive, notably the consistency in schedule and social interaction. Drew elaborated that the many in-person events (park play dates, orientation, parent socials, men’s club, etc.) have created better community. Drew shared feedback that parents are seeking an avenue to give feedback/input prior to decision-making. This would also serve to bring families closer to the school and to the church.
   * ***School Age Faith Formation Catechist Recruitment Follow Up:*** Caron updated the PPC that catechist recruitment for Sunday School, Faith Formation, and Encounter is going well and we are seeing interest in this ministry. During masses on August 28/29 Father Kevin invited parishioners to consider becoming a catechist or small group D-leader. Our School Age Faith Formation Ministry leaders (Sr. Julieta and Stephanie Lloyd) created a beautiful tri-fold brochure with testimonies and FAQ. They also hosted a table in the commons after each mass to create awareness and give people a chance to reach out and ask questions. Caron offered the proposal that a personal testimony during mass could also serve as a recruitment tool. PPC is encouraged to remind families that registration and enrollment is open now.

**Remarks from Father Kevin:**

Father Kevin shared that we continue to seek good candidates to fill open roles in liturgy and youth ministry. He reminded PPC to attend Rise & Shine Breakfast to raise money for catholic schools in Ghana. Last, PPC should continue to promote Synod as a great way to connect with others and gain feedback.

**Wrap Up/Closing Comments:**

* PPC Social & Volunteer Activities – Steve is seeking suggestions; PPC should come prepared next meeting to discuss ideas
* Potential New PPC Candidates (standing item) – PPC should provide Steve or Angela with candidate names
* PPC members should sign up on the calendar for mass attendance, adoration chapel, and other events during the year

**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/>.