**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

**October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

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

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

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

**Welcome**

Jason Mosakowski opened the meeting with a reflection and prayer.

**Approval of September Minutes**

The members approved the September PPC Meeting Minutes as drafted.

**Ministry Updates**

**Ghana Ministry**

The PPC was joined by Warren and Mary Lynn Staley and Alison James for an update and reflection on our Ghana Ministry.

* Alison James provided a recap on the success of the Rise and Shine breakfast and feedback from the event.
* Warren and Mary Lynn Staley provided an overview of the Ghana Ministry and their involvement. There was discussion on the growth and success of the school and students, and a look at the future for our sister parish and the school.

**Women of Grace Update**

Alison James provided a brief recap on the kickoff of Women of Grace. Highlights included the attendance, buzz in the parish and the plans moving forward.

**PPC Liaison Check-Ins**

**Music and Liturgy**

Caron Trierweiler shared updates from our liturgical ministries. Highlights include:

* Altar serving program – This was a focus for Marissa and has become very successful with students from school and faith formation.
* Eucharistic Ministers – There is a need for additional Eucharistic Ministers, as well as a commitment from current ministers to show up and serve on their assigned dates. We have not been able to offer the Precious Blood of Jesus at mass due to need for more minsters.
* Schola – Choral programs took a hit in Covid, and there have been many changes to Schola in an effort to gain more members. Christopher Wallace pre-records parts for members to practice at home, and there is less time commitment now with 1-2 rehearsals and performing at mass about every 6 weeks.

**Men’s Club**

Bud Janousek shared updates on the first Men’s Club event and Christmas Tree Lot meeting.

**Standing and Follow-Up Items**

**Synod Updates**

PPC members who attended the Synod Small Group training sessions shared observations from the first meeting.

* What has God done for you this week?
* What have you done from God this week?

**Additional Discussion**

**Parish Staffing Updates**

Fr. John shared updates on staffing needs at the parish and school.

**Wrap Up & Closing Comments**

Bill Egan provided closing comments and Fr. Kevin closed the meeting in prayer.

**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/).