**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

**September 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

**Priests**: Fr. Kevin Finnegan

**PPC Members:** Angela Ciagne (Chair), Bill Egan (Vice Chair), Claire Wallin (Secretary), Ben Ganje, Caron Trierweiler, Drew Pearson, Bryan Huntington, Jason Mosakowski, Mary Jo Cole, Thomas Meyer

**Trustees:** Chip Fuhrmann, *Monique Maddow (absent)*

**Guest:** Justin Doyle (SAC Chair)

**Welcome & Minutes Approval**

Fr. Kevin opened the meeting with prayer. The members approved the September 13, 2022 PPC Meeting Minutes as drafted.

**Ministry Reflection**

**Student Advisory Council Updates**

The PPC was joined by Student Advisory Council Chair (SAC), Justin Doyle. Justin lead a robust conversation on the 2022-2023 core focus areas for SAC, and how the PPC can collaboratively support SAC, the school and the parish community. A key theme from the conversation is that SAC is very excited by the energy in this new school year and the staff, teachers and community have rallied around the school and students.

**Standing & Follow Up Items**

**Dedication Weekend**

Fr. Kevin led a conversation recapping the success of the Dedication Weekend and the large cross-functional efforts that went into planning all of the events. The PPC discussed ways to incorporate the successes of the weekend into a future parish event that would foster community and continue to make Jesus Christ Known and Loved. PPC members followed up the conversation with their personal reflections from the weekend. Reflections centered on the strong sense of community, the joining of our school and parish members, and the magnitude of our outdoor mass with over 1400 people in attendance.

**New Business**

**Pastoral Care and Outreach**

Caron Trierweiler provided an update on our Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry as well as an update on the hiring process for our open Social Justice position. The OLG RISE & SHINE Scholarship Breakfast benefitting Our Lady of Grace Senior High School (OLAG) in Ghana was a huge success. Over 400 attendees helped raise more than $200,000 to assist students in Ghana get a world-class education. Discussion continued on efforts to support 6 students from OLAG who will be visiting next summer.

**Faith Formation**

Jason Mosakowski provided an update on the kickoff for 2022-2023 faith formation. Some key highlights:

* Sunday School is full with 70 participants with a waitlist for additional participants. There is a need for catechists to grow the Sunday School program.
* 5th Grade Faith Formation is need of a Catechist.
* Over 80 2nd graders preparing for their first Sacraments.

**Wrap-Up & Closing**

Fr. Kevin closed the meeting in prayer.