**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)**

**Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**Welcome & Prayer**: Father Kevin began the meeting with prayer. The PPC Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**: Steve asked for comments on the February meeting minutes. The members approved the February minutes as written.

**Old Business:**None

**New Business**

1. ***OLG Synod Key Takeaways (Tom Bierbaum facilitated by Steve)*** 
   * Tom recapped the Synod process & timeline. Tom also highlighted statistics and feedback from the fall sessions. The Archdiocesan Synod Assembly will be on Pentecost weekend (June 3-5) followed by a Pastoral Letter and Pastoral Plan issued by the Archbishop in November.
   * Archbishop identified 3 Focus Areas which consist of 9 Topics
   * Each priest selected 3 Topics to focus on
   * Tom shared that OLG’s 3 Focus Topics are 1A, 2A & 3B
     + 1A – Welcoming Parishes: Building parish community that provides opportunities for parishioners to connect in order to foster relationships, support one another, and deepen a sense of belonging
     + 2A – Encounter and Lifelong Adult Faith Formation: Create or strengthen an intentional formation plan to help adults in all stages of life to live and witness to the faith in our culture today
     + 3B – Youth Ministry grades 6-12: Develop a vibrant youth ministry that promotes Christ centered fellowship, faith sharing, and formation among our young people
2. ***AOM***
   * ***Walk through debrief*** (Bill) – Parish floor signing event was a big success with over 1100 people who walked through the new Parish Activity Center. Many parishioners were moved by the idea of putting down their family name, artwork, or scripture.
   * ***Financing – PPC Approval*** (Steve)- A “Close the Gap” request to parishioners for donations will be going out. Additionally, the parish is securing a loan to cover the remaining needed amount. Steve explained the loan process and details of the loan agreement. Steve asked for PPC members to make an endorsement to support the loan agreement. The Council voted and endorses in the affirmative.
   * ***Discussion Beyond the Campaign & Construction -*** The Council engaged in discussion regarding use of the new spaces beyond OLG purposes and why it might be important to share our resources with groups outside the immediate parish.
3. ***Return to Mass:*** (Mike DuMond/Art Hayes)
   * Engagement follow-up (Steve B): How do we become a more evangelizing parish? PPC Members discussed a focus on demographic groups, creating authentic, meaningful relationships, and building events that attract participation.
   * New Parishioner Sunday – March 27 volunteers are Bill & Mike; April volunteers are Drew & Angela.
4. ***PPC New Member Recruiting*** (Angela)
   * 5 open seats on the council
   * Angela explained the recruiting plan and timeline
   * Each PPC member has been assigned to persons to contact
     + Reach out by phone, then send follow-up email
     + If candidate is interested, answer 3 assigned questions
     + If they are not interested or invited, be sure to invite them to other ministries
5. ***Admin/Finance Updates***
   * Budget Update (Chip)
     + Deacon Bob leads the budget process
     + An initial draft goes to finance council & leadership in November/December
     + School is a large piece - The Head of School (Mrs. Vance) provides information on school budget staffing and other needs
     + Updated draft on March 1 was reviewed by Finance Council
     + Finalized last part of May
     + PPC will get monthly updates leading to its June endorsement/approval by the members
6. ***Liaison Reports & Impromptu Reflections from Ministries***
   * April 19 PPC meeting with have Faith Formation Ministries as the featured ministry
   * RCIA Candidates Welcome – there are prayer cards in the commons. PPC members will be asked to use prayer cards to pray for newly confirmed individuals after Easter Vigil. More information will come in the April meeting.
7. ***Follow Up Items***
   * Staffing Updates (Father Kevin) –
     + In the process of interviews for Associate for Mission. Person will work with social justice and mission needs.
   * Discussing if we will continue to broadcast mass on Fox 9; the livestream will continue on our YouTube channel
8. ***Wrap up & Closing Comments*** 
   * Closing remarks (Father Kevin) – Attendance was at 2100 for Ash Wednesday Mass. Continue to average 1500 people per weekend.
   * The meeting closed in prayer lead by Father Nathan.

**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/>.

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