**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

**Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022**

**Attendees**

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

**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 (Absent), Monique Maddox

**Guests**: Steve Bonello

**Welcome & Minutes Approval**

Fr. Kevin opened the meeting with prayer. The PPC Chair, Angela Ciagne, welcomed the 2022-2023 council to the meeting. The members approved the June PPC Meeting Minutes as drafted.

**Introductions**

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

Fr. Kevin shared his vision and purpose for the PPC

* The PPC facilitates decision making through discernment and listening in their liaison roles.

**Parish Ministries (Angela/Existing Members):**

PPC Chair and existing members gave an overview of the Parish Ministries.

* The liaison roles allow ministry leads to have access to the PPC, and for the PPC to stay connected with our parish ministries.

**Standing & Follow up Items:**

***School Updates***

Drew Pearson provided an update on the school. He is hearing a lot of positive buzz from families and included the following updates:

* Hired Head of School, 2 Principals and a Preschool Director over the summer; All open middle school teaching roles have been filled.
  + There are a few auxiliary roles that need to be filled, posted on website.
* Enrolled 810 students for the 2022-2023 school year, this number could fluctuate +10-20 students for pre-school
* **New!** Eden Prairie Bussing – 2 retired parishioners offered to help fill this need

***AOM Updates***

Fr. Kevin shared that the new spaces are ready to receive children for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We have received pledges for the remaining funds needed. Efforts will be focused on the upcoming Dedication Weekend (September 17-18).

***Parish Engagement***

Discussed “Coffee and Donut Sunday” and having 1-2 PPC members attend New Parishioner Sundays.

**New Business**

Existing members gave updates on their follow up from RCIA phone calls over the summer. Very positive feedback, continue for this upcoming year.

**Wrap Up & Closing Comments**

Father John closed the meeting in prayer.

**Contact Us**

The PPC meets the second Tuesday of the month at OLG. The 2022-2023 Council Chair is Angela Ciagne and the Vice Chair is Bill Egan. If you have ideas or issues that you would like to bring before the Council, you may reach out to Angela (612-616-5985) or 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/).