**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

**November 8, 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 (absent), Mary Jo Cole, Thomas Meyer

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

**Guest:** Beryl Schewe

**Welcome & Minutes Approval**

Fr. Kevin opened the meeting with prayer. The members approved the October 11, 2022 PPC Meeting Minutes as drafted.

**Ministry Reflection**

**Pastoral Care & Social Justice Updates**

The PPC was joined by Beryl Schewe for an update and reflection on the Pastoral Care and Social Justice ministries. Beryl started the conversation with an update on the hiring needs for the Pastoral Care team. She then guided a conversation surrounding the needs of seniors within the OLG community. Key themes included funeral support, anointing of the sick, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and fostering greater community within the senior population.

**Standing & Follow Up Items**

**Synod Updates**

Fr. Kevin shared that Archbishop Hebda’s letter will be released to Diocesan Priests on November 19, and to parishes shortly thereafter. There will be a 7-week session on what it means to be a Disciple of Christ and OLG will build out Evangelization Synod Teams.

**AOM Updates**

Fr. Kevin briefly touched on construction updates, including the timeline for the cafeteria and kitchen to be completed.

**New Business**

**Liturgy & Music Update**

Mary Jo Cole provided an update on the Liturgy and Music Ministries. Liturgical updates included the increased need for volunteers during the liturgy. Mary Jo also touched on the goals for the music ministry including rebuilding choral member numbers, creating more opportunities for elementary and school age groups, and increasing “small group choirs” for mass. She also discussed some of the space concerns with the organ and choir areas that will need to be addressed.

**Mass Attendance**

Angela Ciagne shared the 2022 Annual Mass Count Report which included attendance data over the past 5 years. The PPC discussed the work to be done to increase parishioner attendance at Sunday mass and supporting new members in our community.

**Wrap Up & Closing Comments**

Fr. Kevin 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/).