**Our Lady of Grace**

**Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”)**

**Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2022**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**Welcome & Prayer**: Father Kevin began the meeting with prayer. The PPC Chair welcomed the members to the meeting. Steve explained that Ashley Biwan has changed to a different parish and stepped down from the council.

**Approval of Minutes**: Steve Schreiber, Chair, asked for comments on the January meeting minutes. The members approved the January minutes as written.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

1. ***Ministry Reflection:*** Liturgy and Music with Marissa Carletta, Directory of Liturgy; Chris Wallace, Director of Music and Choir (facilitated by Lucy Winter)
   * Liturgy (Marissa) - Overall going well and there is growth in the ministry
     + Needs:
       - Willingness of trainers to become leaders.
       - Accuracy in the roster. (*i.e.* 171 eucharist ministers on the volunteer list, but only 42 sign up regularly). Give people the opportunity to be honest that if you’re not wanting to serve in this capacity, it’s okay to choose a different ministry.
       - Usher duties need to expand into larger role of hospitality and getting people seated
     + Brainstorming Ideas/Possible Solutions:
       - Solicit students in secondary to get involved as ushers (having a youth minister in place may help with this)
       - Develop a sense of community in the various groups with social hour (ushers, greeters, eucharistic ministers, etc.)
   * Music – Chris has been with the parish for 16 years. His approach is that the eucharist is the source and summit, so how does music and liturgy support? He works to have a thread of continuity throughout the entire mass by choosing texts and anthems to support the gospel and themes of the week.
     + Ideas to boost participation
       - Choir at Saturday 5pm mass is going well
       - Practice the song before the mass
       - Take a moment for teaching, learn about the parts of the liturgy and why we do them
2. ***Return to Mass:*** (Mike DuMond/Art Hayes)
   * Engagement follow-up: Art spoke with Sean, Steve, & Father Kevin regarding how to further create opportunities for engagement and fellowship. The idea is to segment by demographics or various groups in the parish and make OLG a center of connectivity so that people don’t feel like it’s an obligation. Ideas will be presented to PPC and then figure out next steps and what implementation will look like.
     + A model for thriving groups - Young Professionals or the Men’s Club.
   * New Parishioner Sunday: February 20th will be Art & Steve.
3. ***Follow Up*** 
   * AOM Update (Bill Egan/Father Kevin)
     + Progress (Bill)
       - The stewardship pledge drive was in November, and a few more pledge cards continue to be returned.
     + Volunteers for Sign the Floor Event, Feb. 27 (Mike)
       - Sign up for a shift, 66 volunteers are needed or 22 people per shift
4. ***Impromptu Ministry Liaison Reflections from Ministries*** 
   * Pastoral Associate for Mission – job posted last week; person will engage in our service to the poor
5. ***OLG School***
   * Kindergarten Update (Father Kevin)
     + Open and filled another section of kindergarten
     + Will continue to add a teacher each year
     + Over the next 5 years, bringing more kids to our mission and more families to the parish
     + Long term goal to fill the Middle School to keep it at 200 students
6. ***Communications Team***
   * Father Nathan brought the feedback for Bulletin, E-News, and the Weekender
   * Communications survey - last one was in 2018
   * A survey in April or May will go out to parishioners
   * Revamp communications over the summer
7. ***New PPC Member Candidates (Steve/Angela)***
   * Provide candidates to Angela by 2/28
     + We have 5 spots we are replacing with 4 persons rolling off (Steve, Art, Mike & Lucy), and Ashley has stepped down.
     + Ben, Angela, Caron, Drew, & Bill will still be on the council
     + PPC members should check with ministry leads and look around at mass for potential candidates
   * Task force meeting week of 2/28 (Bill, Ben and Angela) – What does the process look like, what are the key dates, and invite new candidates to join by the June meeting
8. ***Wrap up & Closing Comments*** 
   * Upcoming Dates
     + 3/1 Building Amazing Marriages: Alpha Marriage Course
       - Idea is to make good marriages great
     + April: RCIA Welcome
       - Pray for them by name
       - Attend Easter Vigil if you can
   * Father Nathan closed the meeting with prayer

**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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