**Our Lady of Peace Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes September 26, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Koranteng at 6:30 p.m. Father Mark Baron offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL: Eric Koranteng, Dennis Morajda, Walter Block, Susie Zondor, Jane Moss, Fr. Mark Baron, Kellie Moore.

Apologies: Joe Ventimiglia

AGENDA: Chairman Eric Koranteng called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Dennis Morajda motioned for the approval, which was seconded by Susie Zondor. All voted to approve the meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting were approved by an email vote.

OPENING REMARKS: Chairman Eric Koranteng welcomed Parish council members back after the summer recess. Mae Ciancio has stepped down from the Parish Council. Fr. Mark created the agenda for this meeting.

FR. MARK’S REPORT: After the evening Mass on August 15 (Assumption of Mary), Fr. Mark had a service to dedicate our church and parish to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Divine Mercy Mission was held in September. A healing service was held on the last night. It was well received. Another Eucharistic healing service will be planned for the future.

On Dec. 9 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception there will be a parish wide service for parishioners to come together to prepare for Mary’s consecration.

ALPHA: Fr. Mark and representatives from the parish have looked into the Alpha program. It is a tool for the parish to reach out to its members and the Darien community for evangelization. A representative from the diocese and a speaker from a parish using Alpha will present this program at a meeting

on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Then the parish will decide if we want to move forward with this program.

REO: Fr. Mark is overseeing the REO program this year for the 175 students enrolled. A sacramental retreat is planned for the second graders. More parent involvement is planned at all grade levels.

There is a new religion curriculum, Spirit of Truth, for both the grade school and the REO program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The report of the Parish Raffle held earlier this year will be sent out to council members.

The Parish Financial Report will be included in the Sunday bulletin on Oct. 12-13.

Festival Polonaise will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Peace School.

The next Parish Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 7.

Fr. Mark concluded the meeting with a prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jane Moss

October 8, 2019