

Date: 02/13/24

Time: 7:15 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Matthew Amos, Cara Barone, Kike Braun (Deacon), James Cady, Sonya Coelho, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Pat Dolan, Mary Martha Heasley, Greg Larson (Trustee), Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee).

ABSENTEES

Jonathan Amos, Dan Furey, Debbie Stadt

MISC ITEMS

- **Engagement Commission:** New Parishioner brunch is scheduled for April 21 after the 11 am Mass in the Peter O'Neill Hall. There are 31 families on the list and invites should be delivered by Feb-end. PPC members have been asked to attend the brunch.
- **Health & Wellness Commission:** Ann Erickson presented to the PPC. There are 2 suggestions/requests: 1. GA needs more AEDs, with more training so that staff and parishioners are prepared in case of an eventuality. 2. GA needs a Welcome Center, it has been suggested that the current Giving Center can be reorganized to give way to a Welcome Center. Fr Joe suggested that this project could be clubbed with the Church redecoration initiative to include a partition that would separate the Worship Space from the Gathering Space as well as repositioning the Cross to center of the Sanctuary.
- **Parishioner Inputs:** Steve Sims said that he has received positive feed back on the music provided by Zack Stokowski.
- **Lenten Events:** Taize Prayer Service 2/18 and evening prayer every Sunday; Fish Fry started 2/23 with 2 more scheduled for March; Soup Supper starting 3/1, Women's Club Morning of Reflection 3/16 and Community Reconciliation 3/17.
- **Synod:** Small group sessions have begun. There are 5 groups, each has 9-10 members. The topics and Schedule are: How To pray (Sunday and Monday), Reflecting on the Stations of the Cross (Tuesday and Thursday), Gospel of St Mark (Thursday).

JOC UPDATE

- **Refugee Resettlement:** GA has sponsored a Nicaraguan Family. This family lives in a building which houses more than 40 other refugee families. GA is helping 7 of these families with schooling and other needs.
- **Giving Center:** GA continues to give out gas cards and gift cards. GA raised \$8200 for Community Thread to be distributed to families that registered through them.
- **Loaves & Fishes:** GA continues to volunteer every month. Usually 8-10 people help with serving and cooking for 270-300 people every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- **Hope for Journey Home:** All volunteer overnight spots are now filled.
- **Respect Life:** GA is collecting baby items for Options East; their banquet is April 30th. Steve Sims, GA Trustee, will be presenting as part of the Speaker Series on March 13th. Alveda Smith from Woodbury Options will address the February meeting.
- **Creation Care/Food Garden:** Good news is that GA will have a Garden this summer. We are working with Open Cupboard to increase the volunteer pool for the Food Garden. There is also an effort to address Sustainability and the Food Garden through the Speaker Series.
- **Community Kitchen:** This is a new initiative. In partnership with Open Cupboard, GA will host its first Community Meal Event for the homeless on **April 13th 5:30-7.00 PM in the Peter O'Neill Hall**. The first dinner will be catered, and the menu right now is likely to be pasta, salad, non-alcoholic beverages and dessert. GA needs volunteers to support the event - greeters, set-up, servers, table bussers and clean up. Sign-up sheet may be accessed at <https://signup.com/go/WUmfAKf> Please contact Terry Quinn, Director of Justice & Outreach, GA either at tquinn@guardian-angels.org or 651-789-318 for further details.
- **Community Kitchen International Cuisine** will be working with Open Cupboard and the Nature Center on two outdoor events in the Summer. The refugee families from three different countries will be involved. The plan is to also host Filipino and Indian food tasting options.

Winter-Spring Speaker Series:

- **February:** A seminar on homelessness in Washington County
- **February 28:** Debrea Chambers will speak on sex trafficking
- **March 13:** Steve Sims will address the Pastoral approach to respect life;
- **April 17:** Amy Levad from St Thomas will speak on Restorative Justice

LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN

PPC accepted the LRSP submitted by Pat Dolan and Cara Barone. This will be now available on the GA website.

ADULT EDUCATION

- Advent Book Club - Mother Teresa's *Come Be my Light*
- Family centered formation observations - St Pius X (White Bear Lake) & St Michael (Pine Island)
- 3 Family Ministry events
- 3 Wednesday Faith Formation nights
- 3 Holy Hours

- Lifelong Faith Formation committee meeting
- Vicariate Meeting w/ Diocese - Focused on learning to evaluate programs yearly
- Synod Small Group selection meeting for January
- Synod ECT meeting #4
- Youth Group & Confirmation observation @ St. Ambrose
- January Vatican II talk prep

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting at 02/13/2024 at 7.15 pm