

**Date:** 08/13/24

**Time:** 5.00 PM

## IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Amos, Matthew Amos, Cara Barone, Mike Braun (Deacon), James Cady, Sonya Coelho, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Pat Dolan, Marymartha Heasley, Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee), Debbie Stadt.

## ABSENTEES

Greg Larson

## MISC ITEMS

- **PPC BOARD REVAMP:** GA PPC welcomed Jonathan Amos and Matthew Amos as the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the board. Dan Fuery is no longer a GA parishioner and hence cannot serve as PPC member. James Cady and Sonya Coelho stepped down as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. GA thanks them for their service.
- **PARISHIONER INPUTS:**

Parishioners are asking about PPC Meeting minutes. April is already on the parish website. The Minutes for May were delayed because the PPC did not meet in June and July. Minutes are made public only after the PPC approves them.

Parishioners are also asking whether there is a timeline for the restoration of the Quilt art in the church premises. The Quilt art was removed from the main Church to make place for the Stations of the Cross. Fr Joe confirmed that there is no timeline, the GA Historical committee is meeting to discuss the plan for the History Corridor. The Quilt art project will be part of that plan.

There is also no timeline for the other projects discussed – moving the Cross to the Sanctuary, the enclosure to separate the worship space from the gathering space.

Parishioners have reported that the carpet is buckling in areas of the church. This needs immediate attention to avert falls and accidents.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** The parish is working on Pledge cards and efforts are on to organize a Ministry fair to increase volunteerism at GA. Volunteers are working to organize the Fall Festival. Sales for Big Ticket items are in line with previous years.
- **HEALTH & WELLNESS:** GA now has 6 AEDs, located in various parts of the Church.
- **SAFETY & SECURITY:** GA is faced with non-parishioners wandering the halls looking for bathrooms. Most of these people are patrons of the Food Shelf. This poses a security risk to the church and staff. GA is yet establish a security protocol for worshippers attending Mass. It has been suggested that doors

should be locked 15 minutes after Mass starts. As of now GA has greeters at each Mass to keep an eye on those coming in. It has also been suggested that the Giving Space should be dismantled, and in its place, a Welcome corner be set up. GA staff is to work on this initiative. As of now there is no timeline for when these changes will be accomplished.

- **SYNOD:** GA small groups to re-start in October 2024. The focus will be the Liturgy and the Mass.
- **PARISH ADMIN UPDATE:** GA is yet to hire a full-time music director; it is looking to take on someone experienced in choir music. The Trusso family continues to provide music at the 11 am Mass. They are the recipients of the St Michael Rising Star Award and GA is grateful to them for their commitment. Noah Eberhart is the interim help.

## JOC UPDATE

**Hope for Journey Home:** The property needs updates and repairs. The sewer line needs to be replaced, this is a 10-day project and Harris has been assigned project. The HVAC also needs to be updated. The staff has gone and discussions are on about the future of the property. Meanwhile, GA is working with the archdiocese and NET on using the space.

**Refugee:** GA is meeting in August to determine whether GA will be sponsoring another family or continue working with the refugee families that it has already sponsored.

**Giving Center:** GA continues to give out gas cards and gift cards.

**Loaves & Fishes:** About 10 GA parishioners help to serve and cook for about 300 guests every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Respect Life:** Meetings continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Prison Ministry:** GA has 26 Penpals who correspond with the incarcerated. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11am to discuss experiences.

**Creation Care/Food Garden:** John Capecchi is disappointed with the volunteerism this year and the continuation of this initiative may have to be re-looked at next year.

**Food with Friends Meals –** Guardian Angels, King of Kings Lutheran and Open Cupboard will jointly host 1-2 community meals each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.55 PM.

**Next meeting to be decided**