
GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 09.10.2024

Attendees

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,

Absentee

Jonathan Amos

Agenda

1. Input from parishioners

- a. There was a question on why there are no Adult servers in mass. This is because of a certain age limit in place.
- b. There was a question on if there will be a choir this year. Yes there will be, however, it will be much more simplistic.
- c. There was a question on the update of the quilts. There is ongoing discussion on creating a space to showcase this and the history of the parish.

2. Music & Liturgy

- a. Still looking for more applicants for the full-time music director position but the parish does have a temporary person in the meantime.

3. Other additions

a. October 6th:

- i. There will be a picnic event to celebrate the feast of GA, more details to come.

b. Health and Wellness:

- i. Flu shots with Hy-Vee, September 28th and 29th.
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c. JOC/Befrienders:


- i. Refugee...we meet in August to determine if we will be sponsoring another family or working with the many refugee families that we have currently sponsored and those refugee families that are associated with them. We are waiting on more volunteers. We are sponsoring a former family with the ability to get their license to help them get their family around the City
- ii. Giving Center...we continue to give out gas and gift cards when the need arises.
- iii. Loaves & Fishes...we continue to volunteer each month. 8-10 people usually help with serving and helping cooking for over 270-300 people every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- iv. Respect Life... we meet each month on the 2 nd Thursday of the month. We are meeting to try to get a full view of life issues each month
- v. Prison Ministry... We have 26 pen pal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Speakers are planned each month.
- vi. Creation Care/Food Garden... John Capecchi was disappointed with volunteers. I think that they overdid the garden and have suggested to do less garden next year.
- vii. Food with Friends Meals... Guardian Angels & King of Kings Lutheran & Open Cupboard will be hosting 1 or 2 Community Meals each month.

d. Events in the Fall:

- i. Mary Meals-October 10 and November 9 Patrick Norton-Prolife talk and a friend of the Refugees from Honduras who had a miracle.
- ii. Befrienders-Pastoral Talk 101 each month. Eight of us have people we meet with each month. 3-4 other people have other duties at home or help with greeting for Food with Friends

e. Engagement Commission notes:

- i. The Commission will be doing some refocusing over the coming months to better define the role of the commission. We are looking at doing a "Treat Weekend" starting in December (14-15 December masses) to encourage parishioners to mingle after mass and welcome new parishioners. These weekends would be done monthly on the second weekend of the month.
- ii. October Time and Talent will be 3 weekends in October, with 5-6 focus on giving and 12-13 and 19-20 on Volunteering. Theme will be "Come Follow Me/Treasures in Heaven". During the volunteer weekends, Tables will be set up at the back of Church in the Holy Family area with Ministries present to talk about their needs.
- iii. New Parishioner Breakfast will be 10 November after the 11:00 mass. We believe we have over 70 people to invite (April list who weren't able to attend and around 30 new parishioners)
- iv. The Angel and St. Michael Awards will each be awarded twice a year, the month before the Angel News in order for the awardee to be included in Angel News.



The Next Award will be the Angel Award (October) and St. Michael Award in January.

f. Faith Formation Update

- i. Family Faith Formation has opened up and we already have 16 families signed up for the program. This program is replacing the Wednesday night elementary program. Middle School will continue on Wednesday nights. High school is being temporarily run by Mike & Sheila Mullen, with Lukas Steffensmeier assisting with the logistics/behind-the-scenes, until we hire a high school minister. Family Ministry will also return as a supplement to our new faith formation program. All these programs begin in October.
- ii. Elsewhere, Small Groups are starting back up again. Lukas will be doing a book club this October too.

4. Next meeting October 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

- a. **New meeting time will be decided after this upcoming meeting.**