
GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 12.10.24

Attendees

Matthew Amos, James Cady, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Marymartha Heasley, Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee), Debbie Stadt, Jonathan Amos.

Absentee

Cara Barone, Sonya Coelho, Pat Dolan.

Agenda

1. Worship space seating

a. It was proposed that GA add seating for Liturgy attendees with physical and other mobility needs.

i. GA will designate the chairs located behind the pews under the Crucifix as seats for mobility impaired using signage. There will be an announcement at mass as well.

2. Stained glass quilt displays

a. It has been decided to add the stained glass quilt displays in the hallway on the main floor leading to GA perks.

3. Steering committee

a. 6 people were selected to be a part of this committee.

i. Contract will be signed soon and the committee will take the lead and meet soon.

4. Staff updates

a. Andrew Watts will be starting on Jan 6th.

i. Interviews for the office manager position have begun.

1. 9 applicants have been invited in for an interview.

5. Rectory update

- a. Lease still being worked on. There are currently 3 guests living in the rectory right now.


6. JOC update

- a. Refuge...We are assisting a former Karen family previously sponsored by the parish to obtain their license to help them get their family around the City; we continue to give clothes to the refugees that come to Minnesota; we are planning a refugee Christmas party in January
- b. Giving Center...we continue to give out gas and gift cards when the need arises(usually 8 per month); we will be sponsoring 36 families through Community Thread this Christmas.
- c. 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.
- d. Respect Life/Life Human Dignity... we meet each month on the 2nd Thursday of the month, to get a full view of life issues each month.
- e. Prison Ministry: We have 30 Penpal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11am. Speakers are planned each month. December is Jennifer Gaines.
- f. 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. We hope to meet with Washington County in January to see if we can get immigrants to help next year.
- g. Food with Friends Meals – Guardian Angels & King of Kings Lutheran & Open Cupboard will be hosting 1 or 2 Community Meals each month. Guardian Angels next meal is Saturday, January 25th
- h. 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. We will have Fr Joe sharing about his vision for Befrienders/Homebound in December at our Christmas party.

7. Engagement commission

- a. The Engagement Commission will be starting a "Treat Weekend" starting the weekend of February 8th with donuts after all masses. It is the EC commissions intent to host these quarterly with the assistance of ministries

8. Faith formation

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- a. Lukas advised that:
 - i. Family Faith Formation continues to go strong. We are up to 41 families and 61 children. The middle school program includes an additional 22 youth.
 - ii. 42 high schoolers made their Confirmation with Guardian Angels on November 16th at the Cathedral. The next program is scheduled to start in the new year. I have at least 15 families who have reached out to me and expressed interest for Confirmation.
 - iii. Our high school group will be finalizing their mission trip location this December 15th at their monthly meeting. The Trivia Night fundraiser was very successful.
 - iv. Some young adults from the parish contacted me and Fr. Joe about a young adult group. Work has begun restarting the group, including plans to offer young adult small groups in the new year.
 - v. I am offering a Bible Study this Advent after the Friday morning Mass. My hope is to offer Bible study more regularly going forward.
 9. Alarm code update
 - a. Codes are being updated, most will be done by the time minutes are released.
 10. Advent retreat announcement
 - a. Theme will be “Adam and Eve”.
 - i. 5pm dinner and 6pm event start time on the 13th of December.
 11. Next meeting January 14th, 2025, at 5:15pm.