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# GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 2/11/25

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## Attendees

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

## Absentee

Mike Braun (Deacon), Sonya Coelho,

## Agenda


### 1. Input from parishioners:

- a. Council wanted to send a reminder that the doors facing best buy are locked.

### 2. JOC update:

- a. **Refugee**...we are tutoring 9 people to learn English with our group from GA in February; we have a parishioner tutor with them and we will see where everything goes. We continue to do Tossed & Sorted and Dave G helps get it to the refugees at this time. We help sponsor a monthly meal at the refugees apartments in St Paul.
  - b. **Giving Center**...we have 6-8 people who get gas cards on average each month at Holiday in Woodbury. No cost to the parish. In the giving center, we collect for Brittany's Place, the card ministry, Refugee, Santa Shop, and Bags/Food for Open Cupboard.
  - c. **Loaves & Fishes**...we continue to volunteer each month. 8-10 people usually help with serving and help cook for over 270-300 people every 2nd Sunday of the month.
  - d. **Respect Life/Life & Human Dignity**... We meet each month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We are meeting to try to get a full view of life issues each month. February subject is on the Food Garden. Washington County Social Services, Alyssa Wolf will be speaking and presenting about making our Garden a Community Garden.
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- e. **Prison Ministry:** We have 26 Penpal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11am. Speakers are planned each month. We usually get 20 people at our monthly meetings. We have Jeremy Darling speaking to the group. He has been involved in prison ministry for 4 years.
  - f. **Creation Care/Food Garden..**We have a proposal from Washington County that Terry Quinn & John Capecchi were happy with having individual plots for the Garden in the spring. We are waiting on Pat Ryan to call Catholic Mutual to see if we can make this a go. Alyssa Wolf will talk to the group in February about this.
  - g. **Food with Friends Meals –** Our last meal will be January 25<sup>th</sup>. We had 75 people who attended. We are looking for suggestions for ideas for the future. We normally have 10-15 volunteers and Food to People helps with providing the food.
  - h. **Befrienders—**Pastoral Talk 101 each month. We are getting 10-15 people at each meeting per month. Eight of us meet with befrienders each month in their homes. We will have Deacon Braun speaking to the group in February on the Eucharist.
- 3. Engagement commission:**
- a. New parishioner brunch will be Bingo on March 30<sup>th</sup>, location TBD, but will be after 1100 am mass.
- 4. Faith formation update:**
- a. Programs are going smoothly.
    - i. Confirmation dates are out, and will look like 8 classes split into 4 & 4.
      - 1. These will also involve 1 on 1's
  - b. Working on getting a young adult group started as well as high school.
  - c. Small groups are starting up again during Lent.
- 5. Church remodeling update:**
- a. Steering committee had its first meeting.
    - i. Trying to expand the scope of the whole project (get an overview).
- 6. Parish House update:**
- a. Fr. Joe reported the lease is in final form and the next step is to request a proxy from the Archdiocese to approve the lease and proceeding with rental of the Parish House.
    - i. On a motion duly made, seconded, voted on a approved the Pastoral Council approved the plan for lease of the Parish House to young men completing their time with Net Ministry and transiting to the next stage of their lives.
- 7. Staff update:**
- a. Almost back to being fully staffed.
    - i. New music director is hired, and should be starting in two week's.
- 8. Other additions:**

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- a. Cemetery Update:
    - i. Met with the committee about adding additional column bearings.
      - 1. Finance and PPC council approved.
        - a. Budget is separate from the parish.
- 1. Next meeting March 11th, 2025, at 5:15pm.**