GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 6/11/2025

Attendees

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

Absentee

Matthew Amos

Agenda

1. PARISH INPUT:

a. The need to announce at masses once again, that low gluten hosts are available and the location in church.

2. UPDATE ON HJH:

a. The house shut down a while ago. There were \$150k in restricted funds remaining. The Advisory Board met with Fr. and others to discuss best ways to distribute these funds. It was decided to divide the money three ways and send equal amounts to selected organizations serving the homeless.

3. NEW WEEKEND SALES POLICY:

a. The Archdiocese wants to recapture the Sabbath in order to preserve the sacredness of the liturgy and ensure a prayerful atmosphere for all parishioners.

4. POH RENTALS:

a. Discussion regarding how to limit clusters of events occurring all together. No events should happen on major holidays and limit to one event per weekend. The question arises whether this is a money making business? Suggestion was made to perhaps not book it so much. September through May could be 1 event a weekend for outdoor events. Monday - Friday, POH could be available for rent, and reserve weekends for parish events. Pat Ryan commented that we should keep an open mind about not narrowing rental business down as it does generate good additional revenue. Fr. feels we shouldn't be concerned so much about making money, but more about cutting back.

5. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

a. On July 17th, Archbishop Hebda will be at GA to speak on the theme of "Lord Renew Your Church". GA has been selected to try and raise 2.1 million dollars over the next 5 years, of which 60% of funds raised would go to the parish account, and 40% would go to the Archdiocese. Themes for GA will be "Beauty" (physical upgrades to the church), "Building" (maintenance of the church), and "Beyond" (revenue for future needs). Wave 1 will consist of 27 parishes. Jacob Harris will be assisting with this initiative.

6. JOC UPDATES:

a. Terry continues to be busy with several programs, including Prison ministry and has now included writing birthday cards to the incarcerated; Befrienders; Food With Friends, Refugees. The Respect Life group hosted its first ever gala on May 19th and raised \$3500 in 2 hours with 80 people in attendance, plus had flower sales for Mother's Day and generated \$500, Candy bars will be sold the weekend of Father's Day and all proceeds go to Options For Women East, a pregnancy health clinic. Other ongoing groups meeting include the Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, Loaves & Fishes, and Open Cupboard.

7. SAFETY & SECURITY:

a. the question arose as to who is in charge of the ushers? Should ushers be greeters as well, serving a dual role? Historically, ushers just want to serve as ushers, and not serve as security helpers too. There is a need for training of ushers and their role as hospitality ministers.

8. ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION:

a. the person to receive the St. Michael Award has been selected and will be noted in the July issue of the Angel news. Perhaps we can all make an effort to personally invite people to volunteer and make those connections.

- NEXT MEETING: August 12th, 2025 at 5:15 P.M