
GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 8/12/2025

Attendees

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

Absentee

Mike Braun (Deacon)

Agenda

1. PARISH INPUT:

- a. There was a question about why minutes weren't posted recently.
 - i. Minutes need to be approved by the PPC prior to being posted. There was no July meeting so minutes for June were delayed until this most recent meeting when they got approved.

2. JOC UPDATES:

- a. Refugee...We continue to do Tossed & Sorted and Dave Graebner & other refugees help get it to the refugees at this time. Angela will also help with the clothes. We help sponsor a meal every month at Our Lady of Guadalupe in St Paul. We also collect for St Vincent de Paul every 2-3 weeks they come and pickup at GA
 - b. Giving Center...we had 4 people this month with gas cards 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. We are making care package assembly packets for various ministries this summer. We have another date in August.
 - d. 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.
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- e. Respect Life/Life Human Dignity...Fathers day hershey bars were a big success; we sold almost 170 bars for the benefit for Options for Women East. We will start meeting in September again.
 - f. Prison Ministry: We have 25 Penpal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11am. We may added Sunday now for Birthday cards
 - g. Speakers are usually planned each month. We usually get 15 people at our monthly meetings. We have Deacon Tom Quayle speaking this month.
 - h. Creation Care/Food Garden..GA is keeping their food garden to parishioners only. Quinn & John Capecchi were happy with having individual plots for the Garden in the spring/summer. John Capecchi told me that we had 8 people this summer. I do not know anything more on waivers for these people.
 - i. Food with Friends Meals – We are looking for suggestions for ideas for the future. Food to People helps with providing the food. We will have an event for Refugees with Bingo in January. We are working with refugees to go to a meal at Our Lady of Guadalupe in St Paul.
 - j. Befrienders—Pastoral Talk 101 each month. We are getting 8-10 people at each meeting per month. Our next meeting is in September. Twelve of us meet with befrienders each month in their homes(a total of 30 people are visited by our team. Our grief group will begin on June 20 on Sunday after 830am mass. We have 15 people at our monthly meeting. Also, our Caring group.. is the 3rd Thursday by zoom lead by Ceil Crowley & Liz. There are six people in this group.
 - k. Also, Boulder Ponds asked if Terry Quinn can lead a men's bible study in the fall. It will be on the Old Testament prophets and Social Justice. We have 4-5 GA parishioners at Boulder who want this study. We see over 13 people each week there for communion.
- 3. UPDATE ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**
- a. Over 20 volunteers meet every Wednesday to help.
 - i. Things are going great with the campaign and we want to shout out all the volunteers and everyone a part of it. Thank you!
- 4. ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION:**
- a. No update, next meeting in September.
- 5. SCARFONE CONTRACTING**
- a. Plans will soon be available to view on the website along with a presentation and posterboards.
- 6. FAITH FORMATION:**
- a. Open on website for people to sign up and get more information.
- 7. JIM CADEY RETIREMENT FROM PPC**
- a. Jim has officially retired from the PPC and is stepping back.
 - i. We pray for him and thank him for his years of service, thank you Jim!!



8. OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARTNERSHIP

- a. A proposal was sent to GA for a partnership from Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Shrine.
 - i. Ga is considering but no decision will be made until the new year.
 - 1. It would be something along the lines of a sister parish and a mutual relationship.
- **NEXT MEETING: September 9th, 2025 at 5:15 P.M**