Date: 4/11/23  
Time: 6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE
Mathew Amos, Jonathan Amos, Teri Asiala, Cara Barone, James Cady, John Capecchi, Sonya Coelho, Fr Joe Connelly, Pastor, Pat Dolan, Denny Farrell, Parish Administrator, Dan Furey, Mary Martha Heasley, Greg Larson, Trustee, Lourdes Rivera, Debbie Stadt

ABSENTEES
Sue Pitts, Trustee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
All members approved the January minutes, no dissenters.

PRESENTATION ON 55+ INITIATIVE
Following up on presentation made by Kay Morten from Presentation Church, GA has 3 volunteer leaders who will work with Kay and understand the process. Julie Haugen, Karen Mace and Diane Selbitschka. Suggestion remains to combine GA initiative with Transfiguration Church.

JOC REVIVAL PLAN
Thanks to Fr Joe & Team, GA now has a Director of Justice and Outreach. Terry Quinn started 2/20, 2023. Terry has a long corporate career in Real Estate. He also has a master’s degree in theology from St. John’s. For most of his life he has been a volunteer in many outreach ministries. A father of 5 children, Terry has experience in OUS mission trips and has a zeal for justice and outreach. The GA PPC extends a warm welcome to Terry.

STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET
Parish membership is increasing but collections/revenue not so much. About 5% of membership accounts for 30% of income. Currently no initiative to broaden base revenue collection.
ANGEL AWARDS

GA plans to relook at Angel Awards and how they are presented. Teri Asiala suggested that all nominees could be listed to broaden the recognition base. Pat Dolan suggested that every Ministry/Commission could have its own award. Intention is honor as many volunteers as possible. As of now only a very few get the recognition. Commissions/Ministries and parishioners nominate volunteers. These recommendations will be discussed at the Engagement Commission meeting in March. They decide who the quarterly winners are from the list of nominees.

GA COMMUNITY VS GA CHURCH

Fr Joe suggested that Guardian Angels is a church vs a community. He has highlighted 6 models of the church as suggested by Cardinal Avery Dulles. Fr Joe used Lent as an opportunity to explain the strengths & weaknesses of each model. The recommendation is to change nomenclature in 4 areas – GA website, the wall outside the parish office, the GA bulletin and 4th Street sign. The legal name for GA is The Church of the Guardian Angels Oakdale was not changed and will not change. Discussions are still ongoing. Lukas will be offering some sessions regarding the church and second Vatican II.

GA STAFF IN MINISTRIES/COMMISSIONS

GA Staff members have suggested that they should/would like to chair GA Church Commissions. They have explained that in cases where Laity lead Commissions, follow-up is lacking on ideas presented, leading to staff vs laity tension. Plan is to relook at all the Commissions and reorganize them. In cases where staff will lead, incumbent Lay leadership will be informed. Fr Joe will have the final say on the Commissions. The target date for the new-look Commissions is April 2023.

CEMETERY REVAMP

GA has hired a firm to put together prelim site plan – deadline 5/31/2023. Plan is to optimize use of GA land over 25-50 years. More focus on Columbarium as cremations gain ground. Running out of burial plots. Contractor currently working on design - Plans will be shared with PPC, Financial Council and parishioners before any decisions are made.

MISC ITEMS

Mass and Homily: Cara Barone suggested that Fr Joe’s homilies be hosted on our website.
Food Shelf Garden: Will be a cover crop only this year. Hope to revisit next year with increased leadership.
Garden & Landscaping: Chris Hermanson and Jason Kustritz who look after our gardens are looking for additional help. GA has always had 2 teams for landscaping, front gardens and cemetery gardens (includes Prayer Garden), but there is difficulty in sustaining that effort w/o volunteers. Men’s Club looks after mowing, weed whacking and other such activities.
**Synod:** The School of Discipleship meets every Tuesday from 7-9pm. The satellite location for this area is Transfiguration Church. Sessions are conducted under the leadership of Jeff Cavins. Deacon Mike and Lucas will be attending and providing updates in the Church Bulletin. The latest edition of the Angel News will have a flyer. Pat Dolan did suggest the need for Communications Team to get involved so that information is disseminated efficiently.

**TERO:** The GA Safety & Security Commission sponsored the Threat Assessment seminar 2/18/2023. Target attendance was 18-20 members but up to 36 enrolled. Guest speaker was Randy McAllister, Deputy Director Public Safety/Police Captain, Cottage Grove.

**Adult Education:** Lucas is working on series pertaining to End of Life Issues. This is targeted for Lent. To be held Monday nights and is being looked at as a Community Builder.

**Repurposing the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at GA:** As the Tabernacle is now housed in the Worship space, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open. Sonya Coelho suggested that it be converted into a Marianne Room so that faithful who have devotion to the Rosary may use that space for the purpose.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Next meeting at 3/14/23 at 7 pm