

ALIVE Ministry June 4, 2019 Minutes & Actions

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Thanks again to everyone for participating and contributing to our joyous and blessed ALIVE Announcement & Celebration on June 2nd!

Our meeting June 4 was another great ALIVE monthly meeting. Although vacations limited attendance Tuesday night, we had a very productive session and I want to thank all who were able to participate!

ALIVE: Affirming the LGBT+ community in an Inclusive, Valuing Environment

In attendance on June 4th: Alana Florio, Graham Yearley, Peggy McMillan, Charlotte Grahe, Anne Asquino, Father Ray

- After the group recited the opening prayer Alana read to everyone our confidentiality agreement
- A roundtable followed with everyone providing feedback regarding the June 2 ALIVE Announcement and Celebration Mass. Many very positive comments from parishioners regarding the Mass (liturgy and music) and the info/food tables in the undercroft. Father's Homily & Graham's solo performance after communion were cited by folks most often as the highlights of the day.
- **PRIDE Week activities & follow-up:**
 - o Thursday, June 6, 7pm PRIDE Prayer Service at St. Ignatius. **Alana** is attending. Others that wish to go can meet her at St. Vs parking lot at 6:15pm and ride with her.
 - o Thursday, June 13, 7pm PRIDE Interfaith Service, sponsored by IFCMD (Interfaith Fairness Coalition of Maryland) at First Unitarian Church. **Alana** will find out more about this service and plans to attend.
 - o Saturday, June 15, PRIDE Parade. ALIVE and members of St. Vs (expect 10-20 people total) will march in the parade with FCBWP. Parade starts at 2:00pm from 32nd and Charles marching to 21st and Charles. Participants will meet at 1:00pm in front of Homewood Friends Meeting House located at 3208 N. Charles St. **(Jules/Maureen)**
 - o Sunday, June 16, PRIDE Celebration at Druid Park, Noon-6:00pm. Determine who is attending from St. V's and how to sign up. **(Jules/Maureen)**

- o Email to the ALIVE team updates/final instructions about PRIDE Week from the FCBWP meeting that was held on June 4 (**Jules**)
- o Ensure PRIDE t-shirts are delivered to St.Vs and that signs and flags are obtained since we weren't at the FCBWP meeting on June 4 (**Jules/Maureen**)
- o Obtain clarification about the cars at the parade & how many will be available - are they going to be in the parade or used only for transportation from the end point to the starting point of the parade? (**Maureen**)
 - o Make Follow-up calls to individuals who signed up on June 2 for the Parade (**Peggy/Maureen**)
 - o Ensure the Pride Parade signup sheet is available at the Masses this weekend (June 9) plus deliver an announcement about the parade and how to sign up at the end of Mass (**Peggy/Maureen**)
 - o Determine if we need more (we still have approximately 50) and how many more ALIVE brochures for PRIDE week. (**Jules**)
- ALIVE article in the e-newsletter the week after June 2 with photos from the June 2 event & a Thank you note along with a PRIDE Parade reminder in this week's bulletin (**Charlotte**)
- Share photos and/or videos taken at the June 2 ALIVE Announcement & Celebration (**Jules**)
- **Although not all members were present, we began a discussion and prioritization regarding ideas** (discussed in previous meetings) for future ALIVE actions/activities as follows: (we will finalize with the entire ALIVE team in our July 2 meeting specific actions & ownership for these activities)
 1. (a Wednesday evening in September) "A Night of Sharing": Invite the speakers from the LGBT Workshop March Social Ministry Convocation to share their stories with our congregation and others with whom we are beginning to network. (coordinate with the Education & Enrichment Committee to avoid conflict with other planned activities) **Alana/Ryan**
 2. (July or August monthly meeting) Schedule time to discuss & reflect on thoughts shared with us in an email from Father Ray on May 7 (see attached doc) **Alana/Father Ray**
 3. (a Sunday during July or August) ALIVE & others interested arrange a day drip to attend a DignityUSA Mass held on Sundays, 6:00 p.m., St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (1820 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC) If possible when Fr. Peter Daly is giving the service. (**Alana/Graham**) More info at: <http://www.dignitywashington.org/mass-on-sunday/mass/>
 4. Arrange a meeting in July or August that would include representatives of other parish LGBT ministries to discuss the James Alison article: "Toward Global Inclusion of LGBT People Within the Catholic Communities: A new theological approach" . Reach

out to Goucher College, Hopkins University, Townson University LGBT groups for participation. **(Peggy)**

5. (possibly a Wednesday in August) Movie & Pizza night (the movie Birdcage was mentioned as a possibility) – **need a volunteer to coordinate.**

6. Attend group meetings & events of other similar Ministries in the Baltimore area. Obtain a consolidated list of the various ministries (those already established and those in process of forming or have interest) and a schedule of when they regularly meet and other activities/events they have planned **(Ryan/Alana).**

7. Invite Archbishop Lori and a few representatives of LGBT ministries in our Archdiocese to a dinner we would sponsor for open dialog and understanding. **Ryan is awaiting a response from AB Lori** from an invitation he sent in a recent letter (attached).

Other ideas from previous meetings not discussed on June 4:

- Schedule forums for further understanding of LGBT stories and spiritual needs.
- "Night of Song & Prayer": Alana and Graham with St. V's Choir/Music group and other musical groups & talents from other supportive parishes.
- Invite Speakers from Dignity, BCFWP, New Ways Ministry etc.

Thanks,

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