

ALIVE Ministry Meeting Minutes - September 11, 2019

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

In attendance on September 11th: Alana Florio, Jules Valencia-Banks, Graham Yearley, Charlotte Grahe, Sue Woodman, Maureen Daly, Father Ray

THANKS to everyone who was able to participate in tonight's meeting!

* The meeting opened with the group reciting together our prayer and **Alana** reading our confidentiality statement.

* **Father Ray & Alana** reflected on their email exchange about the spiritual needs of the LGBT+ community.

* Brief discussion regarding our August 25th Dignity/Washington trip which was all extremely positive. Contacts have been made with the Dignity/Washington group and we expect to participate in each other's future events. **ALIVE plans to go to another Sunday evening Dignity/Washington mass during Advent.**

* Notes from my meeting with **Ryan Sattler** (St. Mathew) – **Ryan** will be scheduling an early November joint meeting of LGBT+ Ministry representatives to plan 2020 events and prepare for the February 29, 2020 Social Ministry Convocation.

* Notes from my meeting with **Dan Miller** (St. Bernadette). **Dan** is planning an early October lunch or dinner get together with priests in our Archdiocese to discuss status and plans of their LGBT+ ministries.

* **Jules** will email **Alana** the latest version of our ALIVE brochure. **Jules** will have more copies printed before September 18 and will have them available that evening. **Alana** will ensure the brochure is emailed to Dignity/Washington & New Ways Ministry

*** September 18th Movie Night**

· We will all arrive at 5:00pm to set up. Food & Refreshments: Pizza (**Sue**), Veggie Tray (**Sue**) Fruit (**Charlotte**), Soda & Ice - include regular, diet & caffeine free (**Anne & Graham**), Cookies & Napkins (**Jules**). Plastic utensils are available in the undercroft kitchen.

· **Alana** will provide the ALIVE team an estimate of the # of attendees.

· **Alana** has tested all the equipment & will perform a dry run in the undercroft prior to September 18.

- ***Each member of the ALIVE team agreed to & is committed to reach out to parish members & friends to invite them to attend September 18. This face to face communication and engagement with people is something ALIVE must do for all future events in addition to bulletins, Facebook invites and e-newsletters.
- Announce this event after Sunday Mass on Sept 15 (**Maureen**)
- Movie introduction and lead the discussion afterwards (**Maureen & Alana**)
- Contact Peggy Meyer (**Maureen**) to obtain key for the breezeway gate. **Maureen** will monitor the entrance while the gate is open.

- **October 23rd: "A Night of Sharing"**. Alana has invited the speakers from the LGBT+ Workshop at the March 2019 Social Ministry Convocation to share their stories with our congregation and others with whom we are beginning to network. **October is National Coming Out Month.**
- * Event is scheduled on Wednesday, October 23rd from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the St. Vs undercroft.
- * Coffee, other refreshments, cookies, doughnuts, snacks etc. will be provided.
- * Begin broadly announcing the event on September 18 – **Jules** will develop a flyer on or before September 18 and have copies available at our event that evening and send it electronically to **Alana**
- * In addition to **Alana, Rose, Kathy & Gordon**, reach out to **Ryan** & other LGBT+ Ministry leads to recruit another speaker to share their story on October 23rd. (**Alana**)
- * **Father Ray** will make every effort to be there and will speak to the group.

ALIVE Ministry participation in other LGBT+ events:

- * **Advent Prayer Service** being hosted by St. Ignatius in early December – ALIVE is interested in attending and participating. More info after meeting to be called by Gordon Creamer.
- * **Ryan Sattler** is scheduling a 2020 planning session in early November to include representatives from all the LGBT+ Ministries
- * The Archdiocese of Baltimore is planning the annual **Social Ministry Convocation (SMC)** on Saturday, February 29, 2020

Other actions and plans in process:

- * **Alana** has updated ALIVE's website on St. V.s home page to include ALIVE events and events of other LBGT+ ministries as well as minutes from ALIVE's monthly meetings.
- * Regarding the "Male and Female He Created Them" Vatican document, **Father Ray** said he would put down on paper some of his notes and thoughts and provide them to the ALIVE ministry.

o **Ongoing activity:** Attend group meetings & events of other similar Catholic LGBT+ welcoming ministries in the Baltimore area. (see also from Ryan a list of active & potential LGBT+ ministries & LGBT+ welcoming churches attached)

- * **LEAD Ministry** – Kathy Sprague (St. Mathew) 2nd Sunday at 12:30pm
- * **EGG Ministry** – Gordon Creamer (St. Ignatius) 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm at 110 E. Madison St.
- * **Allies Ministry** – Dan Miller (St. Bernadette) – no regular monthly meetings

- * **LGBT+ Ministry** - Rose Kurtz (St. Anthony)– no regular monthly meetings
- * Plan a 2020 **Lenten Prayer Service** hosted by St. V's (TBD)
- * **Q1 2020:** Arrange a meeting 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, Towson University, Loyola, Notre Dame of Maryland University LGBT groups for participation. (**Peggy**)
- * Awaiting **AB Lori's response**: 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.

Other ideas from previous meetings:

- * 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.
- * Annual Retreats

Thanks,

Alana

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