

ALIVE meeting minutes from October 2, 2019

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

In attendance on October 2nd: Alana Florio, Jules Valencia-Banks, Graham Yearley, Charlotte Grahe, Sue Woodman, Maureen Daly

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.
- **Sept 18th Movie Night** - we discussed feedback specifically opportunities for improvement in future events: station someone in the parking lot to direct people to the undercroft. Create more signs (outside and inside). Improve method to create/assign people to breakout group discussions. ·
- **October 23rd "Night of Sharing"** - October is National Coming Out Month.
 - **Alana** plus the other 3 speakers from the LGBT+ Workshop at the March 2019 Social Ministry Convocation will share their stories. The event is on Wednesday, October 23rd from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the St. V's rectory classrooms.
 - **Alana** will confirm with **Ryan** an additional speaker for this event.
 - The schedule for the evening will be:
 - Father Ray - lead opening prayer & welcome – 2-3 mins
 - Show the 14 min video: Owning Our Faith – 15 mins
 - Introduction – Maureen – 2-3 mins
 - 4-5 speakers - 15 mins each
 - Q&A & closing prayer – 10 mins

- Snacks/Refreshments:
 - Coffee & Doughnuts – **Maureen**
 - Cookies – **Charlotte**
 - Snack food – **Sue**
 - Soda – **Jules**
 - Ice – **Graham**
- **Jules** will modify the flyer to include an RSVP and the event location.
- Create signs – **Sue**
- **Alana** - confirm availability of the classrooms and clean-up outside door prior to event
- **Alana/Colleen** - event announcement in bulletin, e-newsletter, facebook as well as email
- Announce at the close of 9:30am mass – Oct 6 - **Jules**, Oct 13 - **Alana**, Oct 20 - **Graham**
- **All ALIVE members** will reach out individually to people they know inside and outside of our parish to encourage attendance on October 23rd.
- **ALIVE Brochures** – print 50 more in the church office & ensure a steady supply in the gathering space & bring to our October 23 event – **Sue**
- **Ryan Sattler** 2020 planning session on Tuesday, Nov 5 from 6:00 – 7:30pm at St. Mathew to include representatives from all the LGBT+ Ministries. **Alana, Charlotte & Maureen** will represent ALIVE.
- **Advent Prayer Service** at St. Ignatius – Dec 3 (7-8:30pm) Planning meeting October 7 (6-7pm)
 - **Alana & Sue** will attend the planning meeting on October 7
- FCBWP email of more events for LGBTQ communities: Nov 7th [Interprofessional Forum on Ethics and Religion in Health Care | University of Maryland School of Nursing](#) Investigate relevance and who should attend (**Alana**)
- **Dignity/Washington mass during Advent** – we agreed to confirm availability on our calendars and to plan another trip either **Dec 15 or 22**.
- **February 2020**, prior to the beginning of Lent, we will be scheduling an **educational event on the topic of working with transgender clients** (either on a Sunday after mass or a Wednesday evening). **Jules** will reach out to her

colleague, Joanna Miller who does this type of training to determine availability.

- The Archdiocese of Baltimore is planning the annual **Social Ministry Convocation** (SMC) on Saturday, February 29, 2020.
- Plan a 2020 **Lenten Prayer Service** hosted by St. V's (TBD)
- **Other on-going actions and plans in process:**
 - **ALIVE's website** on St. V.s home page: **Alana** has added ALIVE events, monthly meeting minutes, events happening at other LGBT+ ministries & a list of other LGBT Ministries. We've also added an LGBT+ glossary of terms. We plan to add a page that will have links to key LGBT+ education documentaries, movies
<http://www.stvchurch.org/community/alive/>
 - 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.
 - **Attend group meetings & events** of other similar Catholic LGBT+ welcoming ministries in the Baltimore area.
 - **LEAD** Ministry – Kathy Sprague (**St. Mathew**) 2nd Sunday at 12:30pm
 - **EKG** Ministry – Gordon Creamer (**St. Ignatius**) 4th Tues 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
 - **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.
 - **TBD Events:**
 - 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**)

- 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



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