

**2012 GoF Annual Report
&
Planning Meeting Summary
03 June 2012**

The annual Gathering of Friends annual report and planning meeting was held on May 19, 2012 in Conference Room B at Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth VA. The GoF planning meeting was preceded by a community liturgy and potluck lunch. Approximately 35 members attended.

The annual report was presented by Joe Chop (GoF 1st Chair) and recorded by Claire Chop (GoF Secretary). Following the annual report portion of the meeting, a collaborative planning session was held which solicited input and suggestions on events the GoF should pursue in 2012 and 2012.

GoF Annual Report - 2012

Who we are:

- A Vatican II catholic community
- An Intentional Eucharistic Community (IEC) of Faith
- Called together to nurture one another and promote spiritual growth
- Sharing in prayer and sacramental traditions
- Welcoming and inclusive
- Grow in faith and friendship with one another

The community was asked if these statements accurately reflected the Gathering of Friends and if there were any desired changes to the Gathering of Friends mission and vision statement.

The community wanted the statement 'a Vatican II catholic community' to part of our mission and vision.

The GoF mission and vision statement was endorsed.

Where have we been in 2011 & 2012 (June 2011 to May 2012)

Activities

- Monthly 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday Gatherings with community liturgies
- Annual October picnic
- November mini-retreat with Fr. Richard McBrien of Notre Dame using interactive video conference technology via Skype
- Liturgy with Rev. Mariner and the Grove Church community
- Spirit filled Christmas Eve and Triduum celebrations
- Jim & Dell's 6 part series on Vatican II
- A webinar with Fr. Richard Rohr on the spirituality of Franciscans
- Viewed keynote videos from the American Catholic Conference including Sr. Joan Chittister, Dr. Jeanette Rodriquez

Peace and Justice

- Collected pantry items for Oasis each 1st Sunday.
- Prepare and serve breakfast to the homeless monthly, every 3rd Sunday and 5th Wednesday.

- Prepared shoeboxes of gifts for teenagers and other children as part of the the Navajo Indian Shoebox ministry (
- Purchased and served Thanksgiving dinner to the homeless on Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Saturday
- Prepared & donated Thanksgiving food boxes for needy families in Portsmouth & Chesapeake
- Prepared & donated Christmas food boxes and gifts for needy families

Fellowship

- Monthly book club (1st Monday)
- Monthly dining out group (3rd Monday)
- Various fellowship's and get-together hosted by a variety of GoF supporters and held before our 3rd Saturday event

Funding

2011 Income: \$20,711.61
 2011 Expenses: \$21,751.25

2012 YTD (4/18) Income: \$5,212.55
 2012 YTD (4/18) Expenses: \$8,174.70

Balance in GoF's checking account as of 18 May 2012 is: \$2673.71

The community asked that the GoF financial report be made publically available and if possible should include designated collections to St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children, Oasis Social Ministries, and Maryview Foundation that were not distributed from GoF accounts.

GoF Challenges & opportunities:

- Small core group of active volunteers
- Aging community
- Small community

Leadership Team Discernment

- Re-affirm current LT - All have decided to stay if approved by GOF community.
- Nominations for new LT members

The Gathering of Friends community nominated Marie Callo and Bob Hollinden for the GoF Leadership Team for 2012/2013.

The Gathering of Friends community discerned and approved the 2012/2013 Leadership Team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe Chop
 1st Chair
 Gathering of Friends
 Chesapeake, VA
 03 June 2012

Enclosure: GoF 2012 Financial Report

Gathering of Friends EIN: 41-2224612	Year ended Dec 31, 2011			
BEGINNING BALANCE (Jan 1, 2011):			\$4,657	
	Category Description			NOTES:
INCOME				
	Uncategorized	\$0		
	1st Sunday Collection	\$6,916		
	3rd Saturday Collection	\$4,027		
	Chocolate Sales	\$51		
	Christmas Eve	\$675		
	Deposit Correction	\$50		
	Interest Income	\$2		
	Mini-Retreat	\$2,085		
	Other Income	\$273		
	Retreat-2011	\$6,632		
TOTAL INCOME			\$20,712	
EXPENSES				
	Uncategorized	\$950		
	Charity	\$550		
	Facilities	\$600		
	Mini Retreat Expense	\$2,256		
	Other Expenses	\$67		
	Peace and Justice	\$2,479		
	Printing, Stamps, Misc. Admin Exp	\$636		
	Professional Services	\$4,400		
	Retreat 2011	\$7,006		
	Speaker's Stipend	\$600		
	Speaker's Travel Expense	\$2,208		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$21,751	
OVERALL TOTAL - (2011 Income minus expenses)			(\$1,040)	
CLOSING BALANCE (Dec 30, 2011):			\$3,618	