

**ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH
APPROVED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 AND OCTOBER 12, 2016**

September 28, 2016:

Members Present – Deacon Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Fetz , Shawn Fox , Mark Frederick, Barbara Harbsmeier, Fr. Sean McKinley, Mike O’Neill, Richard Routt, Eric Schrenger , Fr. John Schwartzlose, Matt Scobee , Kathy Stivers, Kate Temple, Adrian Warfield; **Members Absent:** Angela Buckley, Miranda Wantland

Opening Prayer – presented by Mark Frederick

August 10, 2016 Parish Council Meeting Minutes – approved via email by parish council members

School Report – presented by Kathy Stivers

- The Fern Creek Fire Department Marshall is concerned about the amount of people parking in the fire lanes at carpool dismissal time due to safety concerns – trying to come up with an action plan so that people won’t park in that area
- Currently in the process of combining the handbooks for the 3 and 4 year olds and the K-8 into one handbook

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP – presented by Barbara Harbsmeier – 1) Blessing of the Unborn – will be Saturday, October 1st at the 5pm Mass; 2) All Souls Services will be Friday, November 11, 2016 at 7pm; 3) Book of the Dead – Mark Hummel is working on this and Loretta McGinty will put the names of the dead in the book; 4) Phil Miller will schedule CPR training in November for ushers and anyone else who is interested; 5) Mark Thomas has been researching the origin of our Holy Water Bowls – they need to be replaced

SOCIAL JUSTICE – presented by Matt Scobee – 1) General Committee – Therese Brennan has been assigned as our staff Liaison – we have reviewed the regular activities of the committee and discussed possible plans for new activities and events; 2) Fern Creek /Highview United Ministries – we’ve started working on the plans for this year’s Thanksgiving Basket donation on behalf of St. Gabriel Parish in order to provide approximately 60 baskets to the clients of FCHUM for them to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal; 3) Respect Life – October is Respect Life month

New Business

- Members of Parish Council brainstormed to see how Parish Council can be made more effective
- Ken Stacy has rendered his resignation as Parish Council Member at Large – current members have been asked to speak to other members of the parish to find someone who would be interested in serving out the rest of the term that has been vacated which will go through May 2018
- Deacon Stephen Bowling recommended that the members of Parish Council have Sal Della Bella, Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Louisville, come to St. Gabriel and help with a visioning process for Parish Council; Deacon Stephen will get in touch with Sal Della Bella to get this organized

Next Parish Council Meeting – will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:30pm in Loft 2; opening prayer will be presented by Eric Schrenger and closing prayer will be presented by Richard Routt

Closing Prayer – presented by Adrian Warfield

October 12, 2016:

Members Present: Deacon Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Fetz, Shawn Fox, Mark Frederick, Fr. Sean McKinley, Mike O’Neill, Richard Routt, Eric Schrenger, Kathy Stivers, Kate Temple, Miranda Wantland, Adrian Warfield; **Special Guests:** Jennifer Beckham, Thomas Reardon; **Members Absent:** Angela Buckley, Barbara Harbsmeier, Fr. John Schwartzlose, Matt Scobee

New Business:

- Deacon Stephen Bowling has arranged and scheduled for Sal Della Bella, Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Louisville, to come to St. Gabriel on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 8a-1p and meet with the members of Parish Council to help with identifying the vision of Parish Council – what are we her for, what do we do, what are we about, what is our vision, etc.
- On September 15th Mark Frederick, Chairperson , went to a Leadership meeting with Archbishop Kurtz – this is a meeting for leaders of different groups in the parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville to discuss what is going on within the Archdiocese; a few of the things that were discussed were: 1) Supporting Families in order to pass on our faith, 2) Charity, 3) How do we make parishes grow, 4) Major Gift Project – identify donors who have been beneficial in the past and have the funds to give and 5) Catholic Services Appeal – the goal is \$3.5 million raised
- Members of Parish Council were asked to reach out to members of the parish that they thought would be willing to serve on Parish Council; those who accepted were Jennifer Beckham, Sue Bentley, Lauren Gunter and Thomas Reardon – a random draw was performed at the meeting and the name chosen was Thomas Reardon who will finish out the term vacated by Ken Stacy – his term will go through May 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SOCIAL JUSTICE – presented by Matt Scobee – St. Vincent DePaul – there has been a significant increase in the number of calls for help from inside and outside of the Fern Creek area (including calls from other SVDP councils); most of the calls are for assistance with LG&E or Water bills – some who have called have had their utilities turned off; General – working with Representative Bratcher and Senator McGarvey to set up meetings at St. Gabriel; the meetings will be similar to those that occur at a “Catholics at the Capitol” event (hosted by the Catholic Conference of KY in Frankfort during the longer legislative session) and will center around a conversation on the issues that are important to our bishops (i.e. the Catholic Conference of KY); both legislators are running for re-election so it’s been decided that we should target a date that is after November 8, 2016; Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries – continuing to organize the annual “FCHUM Thanksgiving Basket” effort – support is strong and several groups have come forward and offered to help

Next Parish Council meeting – will be Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30pm in Loft 2; opening prayer will be presented by Kate Temple and closing prayer will be presented by Shawn Fox

Closing prayer – presented by Richard Routt

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary of Parish Council