

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2017

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

Opening Prayer – presented by Adrian Warfield

January 11, 2017 Parish Council meeting minutes – were approved via email by parish council members

School Report – presented by Kathy Stivers

- Lunch program at St. Gabriel School
 - a) In January 2017 the Archdiocese informed all of the schools that the Archdiocese will no longer be participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and will no longer be overseeing the lunch program for the individual schools
 - b) A lunchroom survey was put together by Amanda Wolz and Kathy Wood and sent out to all the parents of St. Gabriel School
 - c) There are 3 vendors that have been chosen to submit bids to provide lunches for the students at St. Gabriel
 - d) A committee has been formed that includes Fr. John Schwartzlose, various school and parish staff members and some parents of school age children to review the bids from the vendors and select the best choice for a replacement for the NSLP at St. Gabriel School to provide lunches for the students and staff

Committee Reports:

ADMINISTRATION – presented by Shawn Fox – 1) St. Gabriel Play Park/Playground – plans have been finalized and the project will be completed by September/October 2017 (barring any unforeseen circumstances); will be located on Augustine Way next to the Ministry House; 2) St. Gabriel Park – looking at designs and what to do with the land and houses; plan for the Priests to move into one of the houses at some time; 3) Ministry House – 80% ready to go – needs appliances and furnishings; will need to figure out what groups will be using the Ministry House

SOCIAL JUSTICE – presented by Matt Scobee – 1) General – The Catholics at the Capitol at St. Gabriel event happened Tuesday, January 24th – the evening was moderated by Mark Bouchard (Catholic Charities) and Rep. Kevin Bratcher; Metro Councilman Robin Engel and several parishioners were in attendance – it was an opportunity to learn more about the legislative hopes of our Catholic Bishops, the legislative process in Frankfort and a chance to meet and hear from our elected representatives; 2) Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries – the annual GALA is set for Saturday, May 13, 2017 in the St. Gabriel Multi-Purpose building ; 3) Respect Life – April 1st is the tentative date set for our participation in “40 Days for Life” – the committee will be selling roses Mother’s Day weekend and all proceeds will benefit the Little Way Pregnancy Center

WORSHIP – No report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Deacon Stephen Bowling spoke to members of Parish Council regarding the music at Mass
 - a) Wanted the members to think of ways to get the congregation more involved with singing and participation in Mass
 - b) There are currently “worship aides” that are booklets that have the songs for the Mass and the numbers to the readings for Mass in them – these are handed out at the beginning of Mass by the ushers in the gathering space – these are for the purpose of encouraging the parishioners to sing and participate more in the music ministry during Mass
 - c) Deacon Stephen asked the parish council members to poll parish members about what would make them participate more in the music ministry during Mass and report the findings to him

Next Parish Council meeting – will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:30pm in Loft 2; opening prayer will be presented by Mike O’Neill and closing prayer will be presented by Eric Schrenger

Closing prayer – presented by Kate Temple

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary of Parish Council