

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2017

Members Present: Brittany Brown, Jennifer Fetz, Shawn Fox, Mark Frederick, Lauren Gunter, Donna Hansen, Barbara Harbsmeier, Fr. Sean McKinley, Deacon Kien Nguyen, Thomas Reardon, Eric Schrenger, Fr. John Schwartzlose, Kathy Stivers, Kate Temple, Miranda Wantland, Adrian Warfield; **Members**

Absent: Deacon Stephen Bowling, Angela Buckley, Richard Routt, Matt Scobee

Opening Prayer – presented by Kate Temple

New Business:

- Natural Play Park – a) the 2 houses will be removed on Augustine Way; b) E-Z Construction has been selected to build the play park – there is a 4 month building window and is due to be completed by October; c) the plan for the play park has been submitted to the Archbishop for permission to build and for the funds to be released for the project; d) the playground equipment will be purchased from Kompan Company
- St. Gabriel Strategic Plan – a) need to clean up the plan to see what tasks have been completed and remove those tasks; b) need to transfer ownership of some of the plans to others; c) need to reprioritize tasks
- Secretary for Parish Council – Jennifer Fetz has resigned the position of Secretary of St. Gabriel and we are currently looking for a replacement
- Welcomed new Members at Large to Parish Council – Brittany Brown, Lauren Gunter and Donna Hansen; these 3 members will replace the outgoing Members at Large: Angela Buckley, Richard Routt and Kate Temple
- New items were discussed regarding the advancement of Parish Council to achieve their 2021 goals – what needs to be done by Parish Council to help the church community

School Report – presented by Kathy Stivers

- There will be a Junior Pre-K starting in the Fall of 2017 – it will include 19 children and they will be housed in the downstairs preschool area

Election of New Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:

- Eric Schrenger – Chairperson until July 2018
- Miranda Wantland – Vice Chairperson until July 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship – presented by Barbara Harbsmeier - a) there will be no Children’s Liturgy of the Word this summer due to there is no money in the budget this year for work guides but there will be CLOW in the summer of 2018; b) Sarah Buntin is leaving for Loyola University in Chicago this summer; c) Terese Brennan will have a 12 week class for spouses who are not Catholic explaining Confirmation; there will be a fee; d) Terese Brennan plans to have a class with Franciscan Brother Bob Baxter talking about Characters in Nativity Sets and the date for this will be November 20, 2017; e) the choir will be on vacation for the summer until September; f) we currently have communion hosts that are smaller – they may be permanent; g) Fr. Sean McKinley is working with a new group of people willing to wash altar linens; h) we have new storage available in Loft 2 Art and Environment

Social Justice – presented by Matt Scobee – a) Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries – participation in the recent “Cans for Kids” drive was low and the IFAC Food Pantry is in need of donations of canned goods and other food items; b) St. Vincent DePaul – our council is trying to reach out to all St. Gabriel parishioners and let them know that St. Vincent DePaul is here to help; they seldom have the opportunity to help one of our parishioners and they suspect that there are parishioners that need their help – please know that they go to great lengths to keep all cases and clients confidential; c) Respect Life – the Mother’s Day Rose Sale was a big success with all proceeds going to Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center; d) Repair Affair – a wonderful group of St. Gabriel parishioners came together to participate in Repair Affair, a division of New Directions Housing Corporation; under the wisdom, guidance and patience of Syl Schepers (who’s been doing this for almost 25 years) we were able to pain the home of Ms. Sara Young; Repair Affair seeks to assist older homeowners with necessary repairs that they otherwise would not be able to afford

Administration – presented by Shawn Fox – a) Play Park is coming along with a construction company secured and now waiting for approval and funds release by the Archbishop; b) currently working on time deadlines for the St. Gabriel land; c) Wayfinding – plan to start on this project in the Fall of 2017 with signage and numbering of doors and buildings on campus being the first things being done; the plan is to do the Landscaping and Lighting next year; d) trying to decide on what to do with the buildings on the new land

Next Parish Council meeting – will be held on August 9, 2017 (Parish Council doesn’t meet in the month of July) at 6:30pm in Loft 2; opening prayer will be presented by Lauren Gunter and closing prayer will be presented by Kathy Stivers.

Closing Prayer – presented by Eric Schrenger

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary of Parish Council