

**St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2017**

Members Present: Mike O'Neil, Mark Frederick, Kathy Stivers, Adrian Warfield, Donna Hansen, Eric Schrenger, Miranda Wantland, Lauren Gunter, Fr. John Schwartzlose, Brittney Brown

Members Absent: Deacon Stephen Bowling, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Fr. Sean McKinley

Special Guest - Anna Peterson, Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Opening Prayer - presented by Mark Frederick

Closing Prayer - presented by Eric Schrenger

New Business:

- Barbara Harbsmeier, Worship Committee chair, has indicated she will be stepping down due to medical reasons
- Proposal made by Special Guest, Anna Peterson, for Parish to apply for Young Adult Initiative program provided by St. Meinrad.
 1. Program looking for 12-15 Parish partners.
 2. Involvement period will be from date accepted until 2021.
 3. Grant will be provided by St. Meinrad and all travel will be covered by grant.
 4. There is no cost associated with program but the Parish will be expected to give significant resources and commitment, keeping this initiative as a high priority.
- Archdiocese Young Adult Discernment Process-meeting being held 9.14.2017
- Thomas Rierdon has decided to step down as a member of Parish Council. Proposal made to invite a member of the Parish who previously expressed interest in serving on Parish Council.
- Parish Council Mass- Traditionally, one time a year, Parish Council members will serve a mass. A specific month and mass time will need to be selected. Miranda Wantland will come up with a few dates/times that we can select from.
- Sports Ministry will be serving an all sports mass once a month at 10a mass, beginning October 15th. Specific dates will be announced soon.

Ongoing Items

- Strategic Plan- Staff has reviewed and provided notes/information on all items. Mike O'Neil provided all members with an up-to-date handout showing status and notes for all items included on Strategic Plan. Currently there are 101 items with 48 of those being open. Of the 48 items open, 6 are considered duplicates and 10 are considered more long term projects that will be completed at a later time.
- Retreat for Strategic Plan- The retreat will be held on Saturday September 30th 2017 from 9a-2p. Attendees will consist of all At Large Parish Council members and Parish staff, minus administrative assistants. The objective of the retreat is to set a completion schedule for all tasks, identify roles of each member and clarify actions needed to pursue completion of tasks, decide on processes and timing for reporting updates. The Pillars will work with task owners, offering assistance and collecting statuses which they will report back to the Parish Council.

Committee Reports:

■ **School** -

1. Update on Internet Safety Awareness session; 100% participation, many positive comments from parents.
2. Update on Makerspace in library; plan to set it up for Open House, have kids show off some of the robotics, etc.
3. EZ Pay accounts are now available again in the cafeteria, set up specifically for St. Gabriel.
4. Students are able to serve themselves which has sped up wait times and ensured more time to eat.
5. Adult participation in the cafeteria is up by 45%.

■ **Worship** - No report at this time

■ **Administration** - No report at this time; no meetings have been held since our last meeting

■ **Finance** - No report at this time; meet only once a quarter

■ **Faith In Action** - See below

Proposed topics for next meeting:

- Open member spot
- Celebrating/showing accomplishments made regarding the Strategic Plan
- Follow up on Retreat
- Follow up on Discernment Process
- Follow up on Young Adult Initiative

Next Parish Council meeting - will be held on October 11th 2017 at 6:30pm in Loft 2; opening prayer will be presented by Adrian Warfield and closing prayer will be presented by Miranda Wantland

Submitted by Brittney Brown, Secretary of Parish Council

Date: September 12th 2017

Committee: Faith in Action

Submitted by: Therese Brennan

Faith in Action Report

2017 September

Recent Events/Accomplishments

Faith in Action Committee Meeting

Workshop held with Maureen Larison, Archdiocesan RCIA Coordinator, on Saturday, August 26th

Purpose: To review adult formation principles and receive an overview of the USCCB's Our Hearts Were burning Within Us, The Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States

FCHUM Report (from Mary & Tommy Russell) - I do not have one for this month

KEY Club

Therese will meet with leadership this month, September, to discuss direction of this group

RCIA & Children's Initiation (aka RCIA for Children)

RCIA for adults, teens and children had a Meet and Greet on August 27 and began the sessions on September 10th

Since some who previously registered were not present, as of this writing, we are unsure of final numbers. We'll have concrete numbers next month.

Respect Life Committee

Both Therese and Matt S. attended the last meeting. Clarification has been requested about why St. Gabriel does not advertise walkers for the Hike for Life under the name of St. Gabriel. Therese is working with leadership to help them understand the difference between Catholic Church Teaching and Political Party Agendas. These two need to be kept separate.

SVdP / St. Vincent DePaul (from Leslie Allen)

August donations totaled \$5,500. Client aid was \$8,100. Month balance for August was \$11,124. 64 calls were responded to in August - Most were administered through Ferncreek. (We get a bill from them for our assistance per our agreement with them. It saves us a ton of unnecessary calls since they check everyone. If the needs are large, they ask us to do a home visit.) Included in among the 64 calls to St. Gabriel were a number from other church areas who needed SVdP help. (We are blessed to have such generous parishioners and many churches cannot meet their requests on their own. Most of our funds do stay in our area however. Home Visits - 2 were made in August which kept both families (7 people total) in their homes.

Upcoming Events

Retreats

Men's Retreat

Friday & Saturday, October 13 & 14 at Mt. St. Francis and will be led by Brother Bob Baxter with the theme We Are The Poor In Spirit

\$100 covers

Women's Retreat - Will be Saturday, February 10th at Epiphany Catholic Church facilitated by Sharon Schuhmann. Theme & Cost TBD

Couple's Retreat - Will be Saturday, February 10th at St. Patrick with Teri and John Bosio. Theme - Our Marriage Is Our Treasure. Cost (Tentative) \$25 per couple, \$15 per person.

Attendance limited to 200 persons

Re-Imagine Charity - Saturday, November 4 from 9 - 12:30 in St. Gabriel cafeteria.

Heavily promoted by Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese, this event is for SVdP groups, and any individual and parish leaders hoping to become more involved in aiding the marginalized.

Come to the Stable - Thursday, November 30 here at St. Gabriel.

The Worship Committee has agreed to help advertise this.

It will be a great way to prepare for the Advent season and to better understand the relevance of the characters found in the crèche scene

Field Trips

Fall Archdiocese History Center + a tour of the Cathedral

Working out details

Spring KY Holy-Land tour

Tentative date is Saturday, April 14. If no guide/docent is available then we'll back up to Saturday April 7th.

This will be a bus tour, first come, first served.

Potential New Events (iow embryonic, under discussion, no details solidified)

Franciscan Kitchen

Tentatively planning 2 Saturdays to work at the Kitchen. Details being gathered.

Looking into a possible Support Group for Family/Friends of Incarcerated

Requests for Parish Council

No requests! However, a note:

The Faith in Action Committee does not yet have a representative for these monthly Parish Council meetings. One member of the Faith in Action Committee is very interested but unfortunately for us teaches on Wednesday evenings. I (Therese) am also teaching a class on Wednesday evenings so cannot attend. We will continue to seek someone to attend.