

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2018

Members Present: Eric Schrenger, Miranda Wantland, Kathy Stivers, Evie Yaden, Dave Gnadinger, Donna Hansen, Jay Blair, Fr. John Schwartzlose, Mark Frederick

Members Absent: Deacon Stephen Bowling, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Brittney Brown

Opening Prayer – presented by Eric Schrenger

Closing Prayer – presented by Evie Yaden

Donna and Miranda volunteered to take minutes in Brittney's absence.

New Business/Updates:

- There was no new business for this month.

Ongoing Items

- Mark provided an update on the Parish Refugee Project, which will kick-off in early 2019.
- Eric provided an update on the Strategic Planning Committee and planning process.
 - Eric confirmed interest by most that were invited to join the committee.
 - Amanda Wolz is facilitating a RFP for facilitators.
 - We discussed the need for a youth representative.
- The remainder of the meeting was reserved as a time to reflect on the council's purpose, alignment with Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines, and proposed revisions of the bylaws.

Committee Reports:

- **School** – No report this month
- **Faith In Action** - See below
- **Worship** – No report this month
- **Administration** – No report this month
- **Finance** – No report this month

Proposed Topics for Next Month:

- Documentation Storage on Google
- Council Engagement with Reporting Committees
- Finalize Bylaws

Next Parish Council Meeting – January 16th, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Opening prayer will be presented by Father Shibu and closing prayer will be presented by Eric Schrenger.

Submitted by Eric Schrenger, Chair of Parish Council

Date: 2018 December

Committee: Adult Formation

Submitted by: Therese

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FCHUM Report

- 60 Thanksgiving baskets were prepared for FCUHM
- When Tommy & Mary will send me the rest of the report, I will forward it.

Parish Mission

- Parishioners are still talking about the Parish Mission. It was extremely successful experience of the Good News. In a fun and positive way Fr. Jim gave people some of Jesus' challenges to us.
- Many, many parishioners pulled together to provide goodies for the reception after each evening and helped to clean up as well.
- Many thanks to Laura Krill, Principal for offering Monday as a free homework day so students would have a better chance of participating in the mission. Also, it is my understanding that at least one sports' coach canceled practice so those children could attend the mission as well.
- A few students have written reflections about the mission. If possible, Mary Rose and I plan to include these in the bulletin.

Note:

- Thank you for the opportunity to debrief the mission at your last meeting. I appreciated the time given and the suggestions named.

RCIA

- We explored a new way to use the rites celebrated on Saturday, December 1 at the 5pm Mass was the Rite of Becoming a Catechumen (for those not yet baptized) and the Rite of Welcome (for those already baptized). This went well.
- Numbers are fairly stable now. At the moment we have:
 - 4 adults and 3 children to celebrate all three sacraments of baptism, confirmation & communion
 - 8 adults and 1 child to make a profession of faith and be confirmed
 - 1 adult who is Catholic will also be confirmed

Note: Most of these people will celebrate their sacraments this Easter. A few will wait until after receiving an annulment.

Family Advent Festival, Sunday, December 2.

- This year offered a good variety of age-level activities. Pre-schoolers as well as adults and all ages of children in-between could be found at the various activity stations.

- St. Nick (aka Phil Miller) was a hit. St. Nick interacted with the children and also found time to talk with the adults.
- Evaluation of this event has determined that it will be offered again in 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

An Adult Christ at Christmas, December 4 & 11, 7-8:30

- The two-part class of this title will be offered on Tuesday, December 4 & 11 at 7pm in the loft
Explores the two infancy narratives found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke as well as shows how the stories are the gospel in miniature.
- At this writing, 6 people are registered.

Women's Retreat

- Scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd to be held at St. Gabriel to allow women from FCUHM churches to participate

Adult Confirmation

- Scheduled for 10 Wednesday evenings beginning January 30th
- Advertising begins the 2nd half of this month for the Catholicism class. There has been 3 inquires about it thus far – one person who wished to complete her sacraments of initiation by being confirmed and two people who simply wish to take the class.

Key Club

- Barbara Schmidt plans to retire from her position as president of the KEY Club. Open elections for new leadership will be held this month.

NEEDS/REQUESTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

- Please let me know when / if a decision has been reached about a new Service Committee and whether or not I am to be responsible for it.
- Please let your various committee/team members and those with whom you interact know about writing their advent practices on the slips of paper found on the advent table. These will be used as straw in Jesus' crib. Since this is brand new to the parish, it will need broad-based support to entice people to participate.