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**St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2017**

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

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

Special Guests - None for this meeting

Opening Prayer – presented by Mike O’Neil

Closing Prayer – presented by Evie Yaden, on behalf of Donna Hansen

New Business:

- Discussed the new Store launch and the St. Gabriel Student Showcase/open house.
- Discussed setting up time/date for Rev. Ron Loughry to come speak. Would like this to be an annual occurrence.
- We will not have a speaker for the December meeting. Discussed following up with Larry Mikesell and inviting him to the January meeting for an update regarding the Admin committee. Agreed that for each speaker requested to join a meeting needs to be supplied with questions prior to meeting to ensure time to prepare for answers.
- Margaret reached out regarding Parish Council mass. A date in March will need to be selected, 10a mass. Eric will follow up with Margaret.
- Worship committee is currently reviewing reporting structure/methods. Updates to follow.

Ongoing Items - Strategic Plan

- 4 blockers need to be filled out for all items that should be coming to an end within the next 6 months. Pillars must be sure to bring completed 4 blockers to the December meeting.
- The following items were Strategic Plan.
 - 3.1.3- work in progress. Currently monthly outings are scheduled and information regarding the events is put in the bulletin. Also now using the Remindme app to send out reminders.
 - 3.1.7- updated description. A few minor things still need to be done in the house. Maintenance is assigned to handle tasks and budget allows for renovations.
 - 3.1.8- Anna is working on setting up events and parents are signing up to assist. Discussed incentive program for current members to bring new members. A grant was submitted to St. Meinred through the Lily foundation.
 - 3.4.3- reworded to say “create a plan”. Discussed how to assist communication these events/outings. Eric will review and have more information in the December meeting.
 - 4.1.1- Welcome Committee established to reach out to new members regarding Stewardship selections. Specifics will come at a later time.
 - 5.4.4, 5.4.9- please see updates included in School Committee Report
 - Donna, Mark, Adrian- items need polishing up and team needs to follow up with task owners. Most dates on tasks are further out than 6 months.
 - Lauren updated the Strategic Plan spreadsheet for her pillar. Miranda is working on the 4 blockers for that pillar and will have those for the December meeting.

Committee Reports:

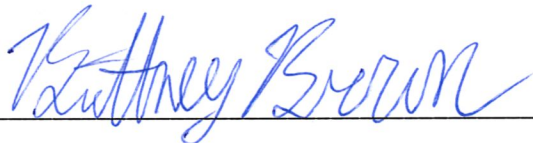
- **School** - See below
- **Worship** – No report at this time
- **Administration** – No report at this time
- **Finance** - No report at this time
- **Faith In Action** - See below

Proposed topics for next meeting:

- Follow up on Strategic Plan updates
- Continue to pray over Discernment and discuss at next meeting
- Changes to Parish Bylaws- Eric will review and discuss
- Celebrating/showing accomplishments made regarding the Strategic Plan

Next Parish Council meeting – will be held on December 6th 2017 at 6:30pm in the first floor room behind Parish Office entrance; opening prayer will be presented by Lauren Gunter and closing prayer will be presented by Kathy Stivers.

Submitted by Brittney Brown, Secretary of Parish Council



Date: November 8, 2017

Committee: School

Submitted by: Kathy Stivers

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- A school goal of the parish strategic plan (Stewardship 5.4.9) is that activities/projects are shared with the entire parish community. Eighth graders displayed church design projects in gathering space. Project concentrated on STREAM activities. They worked in small groups as if they

were a parish council to pool their ideas. They learned about sacred objects and church building layout.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

- Student Council is having a canned food drive again this year. Bulletin announcement invites parishioners to participate in this drive. (Strategic Plan 5.4.4)
- Plan to invite parishioners to participate in Toys for Tots drive. (Strategic Plan 5.4.4)
- Student Showcase for current and prospective families will be on Thursday, November 9 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. (Strategic Plan 5.4.2) Administration has been working with Amanda Wolz to market this event.

Student Showcase

Visit the classrooms with paw prints in the door way to experience activities that allow our students to soar academically.

Kindergarten- Take a trip on the Mayflower (Mrs. Dyar's room)

1st grade- STREAM (Mrs. Miller's room)

2nd grade- Mental Math Madness (Mrs. Rohleder's room)

3rd grade- Dot and Dash (Mrs. Hunt's room)

4th grade- Animal Adaptations (Mrs. Lauder's room)

5th grade- Come take a Google Expedition (Mrs. Owen's room)

6th grade- iMovie (Mrs. Langenkamp's room)

7th grade- iMovie Book Trailers (Mr. Sermersheim's room)

8th grade- Robotics Club in action (Junior High gathering space)

Computer lab- 3D printing and more

Library- Stop motion video

Spanish Lab- Nazca Lines STREAM project

Music room- Watch 7th graders play the bells

Art Room-Sandra Silberzweig portraits/chalk pastels

Pre K- Open house

Date: 2017 November

Committee: Faith in Action

Submitted by: Therese

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **RCIA** – Once again I do not have final numbers for RCIA. In late October, we welcomed one individual and one family considering the process. The decision to continue with the process is a difficult one for busy families.
- **KEY Club** – Discussions continue about what is best for this group. The previous decision has snagged. Leadership meets with me in mid-November to review possibilities.
- **Men's Retreat** – Four St. Gabriel men attended. They returned excited and plan to help promote it for next year.
- **Respect Life Committee**
 - Diaper Drive was held the weekend of October 28-29. 49 packages of diapers of all sizes and 7 packages of baby wipes were collected. Luci Mohr delivered them to Catholic Charities.
 - Crosses representing aborted children were up throughout October. These are stored in the home of James & Mary King.
- **SVdP**
 - October church donations totaled \$4515. Contributions from other churches to help with large cases totaled \$58. Our total income was \$ 4573.
 - The client aid given out was \$5544. We ended the month with a balance of \$6094.35
 - In October we responded to 68 calls for help providing 176 people with assistance, 183 total including our 2 home visits . The home visits are to offer support for excess needs Fern Creek cannot handle. We approved and paid for back rent to avoid one family's eviction, and we had the utilities reinstated for another family.
 - FYI: SVdP Notes: We were rapidly running through the excess we had over the last 3 months and our expenses this past month slowed but still were \$1000 higher than our collections. Fortunately the need for home visits were cut in half this month. This is where the biggest expenses come from and can take us over what comes in from donations. We were also concerned because traditionally Nov collections are really low for us, so we put a plea in the bulletin. We are praying and we will see.
 - We always appreciate the kind support of our parishioners, and here at St Gabriel, it is very generous. Without this our SVDP work could NOT happen. We

hope our friends will remember us this month while they are making so many other donations for Thanksgiving. AND We hope YOU will remember us in your prayers, as well as the families we serve as we head into this holiday season.

Thanks, Judy Hellmann, SVDP Treasurer

- **Fern Creek Highview United Ministries** – Matt Scobee is coordinating Thanksgiving Food Baskets. School, Pre-School, Various Parish Groups and individuals along with School and Pre-School families contribute to provide 60+ baskets.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

- **Re-Imagine Charity** – Sponsored by Catholic Charities the workshop will be held at St. Gabriel on Saturday, Nov 4th. This will give those involved in supporting the poor tools to evaluate what is working (or not) and offer suggestions for life-changing processes.
- **Sacraments**
 - **Confirmation** – Charlotte Jewell and Christopher Blanks will be Confirmed on Sunday, December 4th during the 8 am Mass.
 - **Reconciliation** – The Region VI Communal Reconciliation/Penance service will be held at St. Gabriel on Sunday, December 10 at 2pm
- **Formation Team** – The Advent Family Festival is planned for Sunday, December 10 from 11am – 2pm. This features age appropriate activities for both children and adults and a visit from St. Nicholas.
- **St. Gabriel Day at Franciscan Kitchen** is Saturday, November 25 from 8am – 1pm. Betty Osborne reports 4 volunteers thus far.
- **Come to the Stable** – The 6:30 – 8pm presentation by Brother Bob Baxter, OFM takes place on Thursday, November 30 in St. Gabriel Church.
- **Fern Creek Highview United Ministries** – Thursday, November 21st is the Community Thanksgiving Service.
- **Faith in Action Committee** – The committee is exploring ways and means to grasp the needs and desires of adult parishioners for the purpose of future program planning.
- **Retreats**
 - **Women's** – Two options available: 1) Overnight at Mt. St. Francis on Fri-Sat, January 19-20 with Brother Bob Baxter, OFM, \$85.00 2) Day only at Epiphany on Sat., March 10 with Sharon Schuhmann, Price TBD .
 - **Couple's** – *Our Marriage is Our Treasure* will be held on Saturday, February 10 from 9am – noon at St. Patrick Parish with Teri & John Bosio.
- **Mid-South Catholic Leadership Conference** – Open to all professional Parish Religious Educators in the Archdiocese the conference is held at Lake Barkley State Resort part in Cadiz, KY from Sunday, November 5 through Tuesday, November 7. I (Therese) am looking forward to attending the conference in over a decade. A grant from the Catholic Education Foundation is paying for the conference.

NEEDS/REQUESTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

- **Needed** by Fern Creek Highview United Ministries: A specific date for Rev. Ron Loughry, Director of Fern Creek Highview United Ministries to offer an annual overview of their activities and give a financial statement. He (and I) would like this to be an annual occurrence. If the Parish Council is open to this, what day and time is best for this 207-2018 fiscal year?
- **Questions** from Faith in Action Committee:
 1. How many months do you want included in “upcoming events”?
 2. Does Parish Council have plans for a parish-wide survey or evaluation? Several months ago I, Therese, heard some conversation about this. At the time my understanding was that each committee may submit a limited number of questions to be included. Please let us know if this is still under consideration or not.