

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018

Members Present: Eric Schrenger, Miranda Wantland, Brittney Brown, Mark Frederick, Fr. John Schwartzlose, Jay Blair, Dave Gnadinger

Members Absent: Fr. Sean McKinley, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Deacon Stephen Bowling, Donna Hansen, Kathy Stivers, Lauren Gunter, Evie Yaden

Special Guests - N/A

Opening Prayer – presented by Miranda Wantland

Closing Prayer – presented by Fr. John Schwartzlose

New Business/Updates:

- Events mentioned by Eric: Walk for Life at Trinity, held on 9/8 and Living Rosary at Trinity held on 10/7
- Picnic process is going great! Thursday will be ride night. Proceeds are going to the Playpark fund.
- Eric received email from Susie Bennet which included parish members interested in being part of Parish Council. As we are currently have all positions filled, Eric will reach out to them to thank them for their interest and to give an overview of Parish Council and when new members will be needed again. Because of the enhanced data entry process discussed previously, these results were received sooner than usual.
- Attention brought to CLOUT (Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together) which is based in Louisville. This organization is made up of “religious congregations and groups which work together to solve critical community problems”. Members encouraged to access website and research the organization. Robert (with the organization) would like to join the August meeting to give us an overview of the organization and some of the items they work on. Included but not limited to forming a Justice Ministry, opioid crisis, de escalation of police, and affordable family trust funds.

Ongoing Items

- Further discussed engagement; things we can do to bring people in and get them to stay. Focus is communication. Ideas proposed ot have raffles, or include things such as “2nd chance” wins at the picnic and other events. With the information provided (ex, email) we can share happenings at the church, including events and accomplishments.
- Due to number of members absent, decision was made to hold of on Bylaw revisions until the next meeting. Mark will send out a draft with all updates. Members will review prior to next meeting.
- Process of engaging other committees still being worked on. Miranda will reach out to Maria with admin council to see if 1 or 2 Parish Council members could attend the next meeting. Goal is to provide updates and focus on communication between committees.
- Ongoing Reporting for Strategic Plan: Discussed how to identify process and begin a new strategic plan. Idea proposed to send small questionnaire to previous Strategic Plan creators;

questions including what worked, what didn't, what they would've liked to do differently know that time has gone by, etc. Eric and Miranda will reach out to previous Strategic Plan creators. Note also made to discuss with Stephen Deacon and the Archdiocese. Father John encouraged more "Pre-Marketing" to gain more feedback from Parish.

- Retreat - looking at October. Eric will send out a survey to all PC members to see what dates would work best for everyone. Considering having retreat at Ministry House. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Committee Reports:

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

Proposed topics for next meeting:

- Committee Reporting update
- Further discussion on Retreat
- Parish Discernment update
- Bylaw revisions update

Next Parish Council meeting – will be held on August 8th 2018 at 6:30pm in the Ministry House; opening prayer will be presented by Brittney Brown and closing prayer will be presented by Eric Schrenger.

Submitted by Brittney Brown, Secretary of Parish Council