

**St. Gabriel the Archangel Church  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes January 10, 2018**

**Members Present:** Eric Schrenger, Kathy Stivers, Lauren Gunter, Mike O'Neil, Evie Yaden, Brittney Brown, Mark Frederick, Fr. John Schwartzlose, Deacon Stephen Bowling

**Members Absent:** Fr. Sean McKinley, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Donna Hansen

**Special Guests** - None for this meeting

**Opening Prayer** – presented by Eric Schrenger

**Closing Prayer** – presented by Fr. John Schwartzlose

**New Business:**

- Proposed having sub committee members join quarterly or possibly at each monthly meeting. Eric will follow up with committee chairs regarding reports and joining PC meetings.
- Discussed Enneagram test. Intent to bring self awareness and self identify in coordination with faith. Issues being vetted and addressed.

**Ongoing Items**

- Discussed School report. Highlights included: School has been chosen as the Catholic Education Foundation's School of the Month. Registration is currently open for 3yrs up to 8th grade. Archdiocesan Mass will be held at St. Gabriel on Tuesday 1/30 at 10a, Deacon Stephen will work mass.
- Reviewed the Faith in Action report. Eric addressed Faith in Action report's needs with Therese. Following up regarding Rev. Ron, the Parish Council would like to see if he is available to be our guest speaker for either the month of February.

**Parish Council Mass** - will be held on March 4th at 10a. Miranda will send out email regarding list of roles to be filled for members to choose from.

**Play park update** - Park should be done in January. Once weather is better, planting and equipment will be brought in. Assessment survey needed, possible addition to process. Need to pay of \$150,000 debt. Parish member made decision to fund a greenhouse where students will be able to plant.

**Discernment Process** -

- Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Process should attract people from various areas and allow them to feel more involved.
- Core team will be set up; tasks include advertising, taking notes, making sure who's voices are or are not being heard. Plan is to have a tightly controlled listening process.
- Discussed Parish Council members coming up with 6-10 names as recommendations for possible members of core team.

## **Strategic Plan**

- Cleanup of Strategic Plan document needed. Intent to ensure items are updated as needed and verifying completion of closed items.
- 6.1.2 - Wayfinding process is going great. Company selected and proofs have been sent. Couple items require that school not be in session for updates to be made.
- 1.3.9 - Date on this item needs to be updated to later this year. Miranda reached out to Phil and is waiting on response. Vision is to redo and give more objectives to position.
- 3.1.3 - Anna on top of things. Item considered done and should be closed.
- 3.1.4 - Ongoing item. Anna has system in place; identifying opportunities and collecting things for St. John center. Invited youth to Confirmation retreat. Adult volunteers are still needed for retreat.
- 3.1.8 - Miranda will follow up with Therese to clarify objectives.
- 3.2.3 - Eric will follow up with Therese to confirm target date. Suggestion proposed by Therese to have Parish Council members share success stories about other members.
- 3.3.2 - Eric will confirm; belief is that item is completed.
- 3.4.2 - Same as above. Eric will confirm but item believed to be completed
- 5.1.1 - needs to be removed
- 5.3.3 - looks to be tied with budget, Eric will confirm
- 5.3.4 - Eric will follow up and confirm completion
- 2.3.6 - Process set up for data cleansing. Resume communication campaign and stay involved with social media.
- 5/Stewardship items - all complete. Possibility of additions, will discuss.
- Will discuss with Tim McGinty, should there be something in Strategic Plan regarding Sports Ministry?
- Additional items proposed to plan. Need to confirm if those belong and where.
- Various meetings proposed with pillar members and owners, such as Larry Mikesell, Anna Peterson, and Therese Brennan.

## **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
- Discuss Discernment, next opening begins in April
- 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 February 7th 2018 at 6:30pm in the Ministry House; opening prayer will be presented by Miranda Wantland and closing prayer will be presented by Lauren Gunter.

Submitted by Brittney Brown, Secretary of Parish Council

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Date: 1/10/18

Committee: School

Submitted by: Kathy Stivers

#### RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Our parish and school were featured on Great Day Live (WHAS) on December 12. Student Council and staff were filmed as they loaded the truck for Saint Vincent DePaul with the canned goods collected. Several STEM activities were showcased in the Learning Commons. Preschool was also highlighted and some of their students and staff interviewed.
- Saint Gabriel School is the Catholic Education Foundation's school of the month. Check out their website to see our video.
- Registration is open for all grades. We have openings in all grades.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

- The Catholic Schools Week Mass for the Archdiocese will be at Saint Gabriel on Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00am. Representatives from all schools will attend.

Date: 2018 January

Committee: Faith in Action

Submitted by: Therese

#### RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**RCIA Team** – Met Wed, Dec 13. All agree this year's participants have been challenging but growth has been seen within most participants. Although attendance has been spotty, most of the RCIA candidates (Catholics preparing for Confirmation, non-Catholics preparing to become Catholic, and Catholic children preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion) and the Catechumens (adult and 2 middle-schoolers) are engaged and thoughtful. Make-up sessions have been scheduled with both adults and children.

**RCIA** – Last year initiated a way to include parishioners in the RCIA process. We invited them to provide snacks for RCIA participants on Sunday mornings. We had a few weeks when the team needed to provide but for the most part, Sundays were covered. This year we've noticed a drop in participation. Andrew Simpson, RCIA team member, has a new idea and agreed to coordinate the effort. He plans to contact each St. Gabriel parish committee and invite them to explain their ministry on the day they provide snacks. We'll see how it goes.

**Advent Family Festival** – A great success! We (Mary Jane, Anna, Jessi, Michelle) think more kids were present than last year Held on December 10 from 11am – 2pm. It features craft activities for children, information for adults to celebrate advent at home, and a visit from St. Nick.

**Respect Life Committee** – No report this month.

**SVdP Report** – Sorry, no report at this time. If I receive it before your meeting I will submit it.

**Fern Creek Highview United Ministries** (submitted by Mary & Tommy Russell before Christmas / Note: Numbers for December distribution are not yet available. Again, when I receive this I'll forward to you.)

- 177 Thanksgiving baskets were donated; 152 were distributed. The remaining baskets will be given out at Christmas
- 17,248 items of food were brought in by Scouts which is greatly needed by FCHUM
- Families adopted for Christmas picked up their gifts on December 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FCHUM

**Note:** Since it is extensive, I (Therese) spoke with Rev. Ron about writing a history of St. Gabriel's support of FCHUM. This will be for St. Gabriel's publication sometime during the 2018 year. Both he and I think it would be helpful for St. Gabriel parishioners to know the depth of involvement from FCHUM's inception through current years.

- Rev. Ron's retirement will be in 2019

### **Faith in Action Committee (Met on Sun, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>)**

- Continued discussion re the best way to determine adult parishioner formation interests and needs.
  - We reviewed the previous parish-wide survey to pull out adult formation information.
  - Members personally spoke with each person who registered for the Catholicism 101 class which included those that participated and those that did not.
  - Decided: We will seek 3 tiers of input. 1) A Faith in Action member will meet with all (hopefully) committees during a regular committee meeting. 2) A survey (monkey probably) will be created for parishioners to take. 3) A paper vote for favorite choices will be offered.
  - Note: Work continues to clarify the questions and process. Time line is not yet finalized.
- Discussed the need for balance between, and integration of, Catholic social teaching, doctrine, and every-day life.
- Decided: Try creating a 2<sup>nd</sup> team of Faith in Action Committee. The team's purpose would be to discuss how to integrate awareness of Catholic Social Teaching with the many activities in which parishioners are already engaged and / or to create one parish-wide event that encompasses CST and action. Members of this team would make a 1.5 year commitment, not be required to attend Faith in Action Committee meetings but rather stay in touch with
- Members are excited about purchasing the Kiosk by the end of this month. Hopefully it will be put together soon. The company gives plenty of help with PR so the committee will probably wait until Lent to "unveil". (See last month's report for description and history of the idea as well as info about financing this.)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:**

#### **Retreats/Days of Reflections**

- Women - Two options available
  - 1) Overnight at Mt. St. Francis on Fri-Sat, January 19-20 with Brother Bob Baxter, OFM. Cost \$85
  - 2) 1 Day Retreat – At Epiphany Catholic Church, Saturday, Feb 24 with Sharon Schuhmann, Cost \$30. Title will be finalized by mid-January.

Note: The original date was March 10<sup>th</sup> but due to the Women's Conference now scheduled for the same date, Sharon was willing and able to change the date.

Note: Women from churches in the Fern Creek area will also be invited.
- Men – the 2018 date will be sometime during the month of October.
- Couple – *Our Marriage is Our Treasure* will be held on Saturday, February 10 from 9am – noon at St. Patrick Parish with Teri & John Bosio.

- Mature Adults – Not yet sure how to define this population (Rev. Ron is getting back to me) this Wednesday, March ----program, held at St. Gabriel will offer seniors a chance to discover at least God’s presence in their life. Fee: \$25 9-3pm

**Archdiocesan Women’s Conference** – Offered in the even years, it will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 8:30 – 1:30 at St. Patrick Church.

**Enneagram** – Judy Hellman, Faith in Action member and certified instructor in the Enneagram is planning a class to be taught Friday evening 6-9pm and continue through Saturday 9am-5pm, March 16-17. More details to follow as Judy finalizes her plans.

**Gospels 101** – To be held on Sunday mornings beginning February 11<sup>th</sup>. Purpose: To give parishioners time with the gospels used throughout the liturgical year.

**Bus Trip** – Plans are underway for a Saturday, April 7 or April 14 trip. No docent was found so we’ll coordinate our own agenda and secure tour information from the place(s) we visit.

#### NEEDS/REQUESTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

- **Process Question** – How are answers from the Parish Council passed along to those asking for information or having questions?
- **A Reminder** - Reading your minutes, I know you discussed choosing a date for an annual review of FCHUM. Rev. Ron knows a regular time is being discussed. When you decide, please tell someone on the Faith in Action Committee (Therese or one of the members i.e. Michael Brown (could tell Bri who could relay information to Michael), Judy Hellman, Marilyn Mathis, Matt Scobee, Susan Bowling) when you wish this to occur so we can give Rev. Loughry as much lead time as possible.
- **Question** from Faith in Action Committee – How many months do you want included in “upcoming events”?

Date: 2018, January

Committee: Faith in Action

Submitted by: Therese Brennan

SVdP Jan Report: From Judy Hellmann

#### RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **SVdP**

- **Our total income in December was \$ 12242.**

**\$12,042 was from church donations and 200 from other churches and individuals**

**(1675 of that was from parish donors who specifically wanted to contribute for the needs of one of our parish families who had financial needs.) This is the first time SVDP has received funds designated for a parish family. We were happy to assist in this donation process.**

- **The total given in December for client aid was \$8000**

**In December we gave assistance to 182 people total.**

**We responded to 60 telephone calls for financial assistance benefiting 168 people and made 4 home visits helping 14 more for the total of 182.**

- We ended the month with a balance of **\$10,477**