

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018

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

Members Absent: Fr. Sean McKinley, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Brittney Brown

Special Guests - Rev. Ron Loughry

Opening Prayer – presented by Miranda Wantland

Closing Prayer – presented by Lauren Gunter

New Business:

- Special guest, Rev. Ron provided state of the ministries. Services offered include Adult Day and Food Pantry. Less than \$40,000 needed to complete Legacy Fund goal of \$250,000. Recognized the support of St, Gabriel both from financial standpoint and volunteers. FCHUM will have it's 30th anniversary in June of 2018. Rev. Ron will be retiring in early 2019; event is being planned for late 2018. Invited attendees to participate in/attend the Pennies from Heaven fundraising event on 5/12/18.

Ongoing Items

- Deacon Stephen covered discernment process to kick off in April 2018. Deacon Stephen has the lead and will take next steps to vet core team members and schedule first meeting in March. 6-10 people needed, Parish Council provided names for Deacon to consider for core team. Schedule proposed-Core team meeting in late March, listening session in late April, discern and decide meeting in mid May, wrap up in June 2018.
- Strategic Plan: St. Gabriel Park- Mike provided updates on land development; new land development is holding until wayfinding and playpark fundraising is complete. Father John provided update on bid process and noted that all properties will be vacant by July 2018. Sports Ministry- Adrian & Donna provided update on discussions with Amanda & Tim. Father John requested a needs assessment to determine next steps on forming a volunteer group and/or considering additional staff.
- Miranda facilitated signups for Parish Council mass, being held March 4, 2018, 10a.
- Reviewed committee reports: Admin- noted need to confirm Parish Council reporting/representation with Larry/Maria/Shawn. School- Working with Archdiocese on search for principal. Parish Council may be tapped for interview question input. Kathy noted that we are considering a 3rd kindergarten class for 2018/2019.

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 items- including Sports Ministry progress (Adrian/Donna), Kethy will review revised SWOT for school to drive new strategic focus, discuss ways to improve/update monthly/quarterly/yearly update cycle (4 blockers, strategic plan, etc.)
- Special guest for March/April
- Confirm committee reporting needs & identify representatives (Eric/Miranda)
- Changes to Parish Bylaws (Eric/Mark)
- Celebrating/showing accomplishments made regarding the Strategic Plan

Next Parish Council meeting – will be held on March 14th 2018 at 6:30pm in the Ministry House; opening prayer will be presented by Donna Hansen and closing prayer will be presented by Mike O’Neil.

Submitted by Brittney Brown, Secretary of Parish Council

Date: 2/7/18

Committee: School

Submitted by: Kathy Stivers

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Catholic Schools Week Mass for the Archdiocese was wonderful.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

Pam Huelsman has decided to retire at the end of the current school year. Father John is consulting with the archdiocese and will be assembling a search committee.

Indications are that we will be having three kindergarten classes next year.

NEEDS/REQUESTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

Date: 2018 February

Committee: Faith in Action

Submitted by: Therese

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

RCIA – Final Numbers!

Catechumens (those not yet baptized)

Baptisms – 1 adult / 2 6th graders / 1 2nd grader / 1 pre-k child

Candidates (those already baptized)

Professions of Faith – 3 adults

Confirmations – 11 adults & teens / 2 6th graders

1st Communion – 11 adults & teens / 8 grade school children

Note 1: There may be 2 more Hispanics (1 teen, 1 adult) for Confirmation

Note 2: Already hearing from interested persons for next year

Sacraments

Reconciliation – RCIA candidates (both adults and children) were given lent reconciliation opportunities. Note: The date for the regional reconciliation service is not yet determined.

Faith in Action Committee – Meets monthly. Current work revolves around assessing parishioner needs and interests for adult formation planning. Questions are finalized. We plan

to meet with each committee by 2018 December. (We know this is ambitious so it may need to be pushed back a couple of months).

Respect Life Committee – No report this month.

SVdP Report –Not yet available

January church donations totaled \$3489. Contributions from other churches to help with large cases totaled \$ 56 Our total income was \$ 3545

The client aid given out was \$3669.91. We ended the month with a balance of \$ 10,303.50

In January we responded to 43 calls for help and provided 104 people with assistance, 106 total including our 1 home visit. The home visits are to offer financial support for needs beyond the amount Fern Creek ministry can handle.

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries aka FCHUM

St. Gabriel & FCHUM - I (Therese) and Rev. Ron, Director for FCHUM, have or are working on:

Sharing information about the Women and Mature Retreats to FCUHM churches inviting

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them to participate

A document to share with St. Gabriel that names the amazing way St. Gabriel supported the center.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

Lent Activities to be Provided by Formation Team

Little Black Books

Rice Bowls

Best Lent Ever – online resource from Why Catholic

Facebook Live – Lent Mondays @ 7pm / New this year, Anna & I will be live for 30 minutes discussing the day's reflection available in the Little Black Book

Online Lent Suggestions – Simply a sheet with ideas for those who prefer online instead of or in addition to hard copies

Small Faith Sharing Groups – coordinating those wishing to start or participate in one when/if request is given

Lent Family Festival – date and content not determined at time of this writing

Retreats - Information has been or will be shared with The Record, parishes from our region, parishes from other regions with whom St. Gabriel reciprocates and FECHM churches.

Forgiven, Forgotten, Forever: A Christian Perspective (Sat, Feb 24) for women

God's Story / My Story (Wed Mar 14) for older adults

Kiosk of Books & CD's – To be introduced during the Easter Season instead of lent since we've so many resources for lent including the new Facebook Live.

Gospels 101 – Re-starts this lent, Sunday, February 18 from 9:15-9:45 and continues each Sunday during lent. Participation will determine future efforts.

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