

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Unapproved Parish Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018

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

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

Special Guests – Maria Dawson and Marcia Brey, Administration Council

Opening Prayer – presented by Evie Yaden

Closing Prayer – presented by Miranda Wantland

Donna volunteered to take minutes in Brittney's absence.

New Business/Updates:

- The council welcomed Efen Quirino as a new member, who will serve the remainder of Lauren Gunter's term.
- October 2018 meeting minutes were approved pending a minor revision.
- Eric presented a summary of the Archbishop's Pastoral Council Meeting in October, including the following:
 - New Leadership Briefings to be shared within St. Gabriel
 - Archbishop's Role in the Diocese of Memphis
 - Discernment Process included 80+ Parishes
- Marcia Brey provided an update on the parish's engagement in sponsoring a refugee family in 2019, the council confirmed support, and asked that the following groups be involved: Men's Club, School and PREP Classes, and Youth Ministry.
- Eric and Miranda provided an update on the strategic planning effort for 2019.
 - Met with Father John and Deacon Stephen to discuss formation of a core team to lead the effort.
 - Invited Discernment Core Team members and staff.
 - Eric met with Amanda Wolz to discuss request for proposals for third party facilitators.
 - Remaining items from Parish Discernment will feed into strategic plan revisions.
 - A kickoff will be planned for January 2019.
- We confirmed plans for the retreat on 12/8/18.

Ongoing Items

- Kathy noted plans for the school to engage a speech and occupational therapist in the future.
- Therese presented the Faith in Action report.
 - Miranda will follow up with Therese on the formation of an Outreach/Service Committee and determine how it will integrate with Faith in Action.
 - Therese requested feedback on the recent Parish Mission events.
 - The council offered input about maintaining the momentum from the Parish Mission.
 - Therese will pursue several ideas to further engage the parish and work with the Worship Committee to improve mass participation.



Committee Reports:

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

Proposed Topics:

- Parish Discernment
- Strategic Planning

Next Parish Council Meeting – December 8th, 2018 at 9:15 AM in the Ministry House

Opening prayer will be presented by Eric Schrenger and closing prayer will be presented by Evie Yaden.

Submitted by Brittney Brown, Secretary of Parish Council

Minister EOP

Date: 2018 November

Committee: Adult Formation

Submitted by: Therese

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Respect Life Committee

- \$474 was collected for Water with Blessings which will be used to equip and train 8 mothers to serve their communities as Water Women. This means 32 families will have clean water for years to come.
- The committee also set up white crosses for the month of October. The purpose is to bring attention to the reality of abortion.

Key Club

- 28 St. Gabriel seniors participate in the Mary Miller Boat excursion on October 10. All report an enjoyable time.
- There was a minor accident when one senior fell getting on the Jefferson bus. (Minor meaning no permanent damage). Since staff member Mark LaPierre serves the parish as safety coordinator he, along with Fr. John received copies of the accident form. They also have a copy of the letter sent with bus rental check.

FCHUM Report (From Mary & Tommy Russell) – Not yet received / I do know they, along with Matt Scobee are working hard on Thanksgiving baskets.

SVdP / St. Vincent dePaul (From Judy Hellmann, Treasurer) – Not yet received. Judy may be sending this to you directly.

- Note: Changes have been made to SVdP conferences by the national SVdP office. My understanding is that Judy, as treasurer is currently working with Louisville SVdP on how to handle end of year tax statements. Pam Terwilliger will send statements to parishioners who donated before August 1st. After that, (I think) the statements are to come from the SVdP office.

Financial Peace University

- The class will be completed on Thursday, November 15. All participants say they have learned a lot. Chad Cureton is willing to lead another class when/if requests for one are made.

Men's Retreat

- Three St. Gabriel men participated in this retreat. All thoroughly enjoyed it. Next year's retreat will be Oct 12/13. Hopefully knowing the date so far in advance will help with scheduling – the reason so many who participated previously and who



expressed interest in attending will be able to go. Both Kevin Thieneman from St. Gabriel and Joe Niehaus from Epiphany coordinate the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

RCIA (Adults & Children)

- The Rite of Becoming a Catechumen and Rite of Welcome (for those already baptized) will be celebrated during the Saturday, December 1st 5pm Mass

Adult Christ at Christmas

- The two-part class of this title will be offered on Tuesday, December 4 & 11 at 7pm in the loft

Parish Mission

- Fr. Jim Sichko will be here on November 11, 12, & 13 to lead us in a 60 minute mission. He is one of 100 United States priests named by Pope Francis to be an evangelizer.
- Note: I emailed Lara Krill, Principal, to ask about letting the kids out of homework during the mission. She agreed to do so on Monday evening, November 11th. If you see her, please thank her for this wonderful supportive gesture.

An Adult Christ at Christmas

- This will explore the two infancy narratives found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke as well as show how the stories are the gospel in miniature. It is scheduled for December 4th & 11th. Note time change. It is now 1.5 hours instead of 2. (I could use 8 hours but would rather have participants learning a bit than 0 interest!)

Women's Retreat

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

Adult Confirmation

- Thus far one person has requested this. Two are considering it. It will be offered to those baptized who wish to be confirmed as well as Catholics who simply wish to update their faith and non-Catholics who just want to know what we believe but aren't interested in becoming Catholic. Still working out the schedule for next semester.

NEEDS/REQUESTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

- The Faith in Action / Adult Formation Committee needs to know the final decision re the Service Committee. If the proposed Service Committee becomes a reality, the Faith in Action Committee's work will then encompass Adult Formation only instead of also including some

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service activities. It is my understanding that the FCHUM, St. Vincent dePaul, and Right to Life reports would become a part of the new Service Committee's reporting.

Miranda E. O.

Date: November 14, 2018

Committee: School

Submitted by: Kathy Stivers

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Twenty families, representing 31 students, attended our open house. We also continue to give tours by appointment.
- Our school sponsored a successful booth at the Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce – great feedback!
- Grandparent Day had a great turnout of an average of at least 35 – 40 for each kindergarten class.
- Student-led conferences were held in October.
- Picture, banner, and cards for Father were presented on Priest Appreciation Day.
- New Admissions menu for the website is complete. It should be easier for prospective families to find the information they need.
- High School visits are complete. All Catholic schools visit 7th and 8th grade students every year.
- Pep Rally was held on November 2 to recognize summer and fall sports/academic teams.
- Parents and students in kindergarten, first, and second grades were invited to attend a Fall Into Reading Night on November 8.
- Accreditation Survey-Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness response rates were as follows:
 - Parents – almost 40%
 - Staff – 96%
 - Students (grades 5 – 8) – 100%

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

- We are working on finalizing an agreement with Associates in Pediatric Therapy to offer speech and occupational therapy screenings for students. Students who qualify for services will be eligible to receive services from licensed therapists on campus during the school day.



- We are asking parents to complete a short anonymous survey to obtain feedback about safety in our school. If our response rate is greater than 85% of families by November 20, students may have a uniform break day on a date to be announced.

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Please prepare and submit a report to the Parish Council Secretary one week before each meeting. In order to expedite monthly meetings, these reports will be compiled and included with the agenda for all members' review prior to the monthly meeting.

Wanda E. B.