

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
Unapproved Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018

Members Present: Eric Schrenger, Miranda Wantland, Kathy Stivers, Evie Yaden, Brittney Brown, Mark Frederick, Dave Gnadinger

Members Absent: Donna Hansen, Jay Blair, Fr. John Schwartzlose, Deacon Stephen Bowling, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer

Special Guests – Theresa Hoefflin, Finance council

Opening Prayer – presented by Eric Schrenger


Closing Prayer – presented by Eric Schrenger

New Business/Updates:

- Theresa Hoefflin was able to join us and provide some updates on Finance council:
 - ◆ Finance council has been working on increasing membership; Currently there are 3 candidates with a 4th pending.
 - ◆ Nearly \$100,000 of PTSO funds were transferred for Chiller project.
 - ◆ Financial Aid has assisted 123 families, about \$255,000 between CEF and church. Note: no one can receive financial aid assistance without going through the CEF process. They use prior year taxes to determine eligibility; families can appeal if situations have changed since then.
 - ◆ 48 students currently on the free/reduced lunch program
- Eric will attend Pastoral Council on 11/27 and can provide more information at our retreat.
- Would like to ask PTO admin/official (Laura Kline) to join us at a meeting, provide more information about PTSO and current projects.
- Parish Council update for bulletin and social media was chosen to be Strategic Planning recruiting. Would like to get the ball rolling and word out there as early as possible.
- Anna Peterson will be leaving. A new individual is needed for high school/youth ministry
- CSA representative: Eric and Miranda reached out to express that our members are currently “loaded” with activities and will not be able to join another committee at this time. Although we do wish to provide support if possible, requesting to provide us with specific tasks needed and we will do our best to assist with those.
- Follow up on refugee info: Mark and Donna are engaging; met (along with Marcia Brey) with St. Agnes Parish, who is currently on their 3rd family, to discuss their process. Advised to principal and school. Idea is to meet with Parish, plan to have 6 pillars/leaders (proposed members include Marcia, Mark, Donna, Mary Rose, and 2 others to be determined),

Ongoing Items

- Strategic Planning Committee: looking at making plan a shorter time frame. Would like to bring in outside assistance to help facilitate. Would like to survey members to harness more information; get representatives of other committees/councils to assist in publicizing. Ideas



posed to do this via mass, festivals, etc. Would like to do something similar to the discernment process but with a wider range.

- Parish Council Retreat: decision made to have retreat on Saturday 12/8. Time frame can be adjusted as necessary but posed to join 8:15a mass then meet. Will have final bylaw revisions to approve, committee structure, and normal agenda topics. December meeting will be cancelled.
- Parish Council opening: Lauren Gunter's position is now available. This position would complete term in June 2020. One individual currently interested; Eric will provide his information to Father John the week of this meeting and wait for approval. Will follow up at November meeting.

Committee Reports:

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

Proposed topics for next meeting:

- Parish Discernment update
- New member, to replace Lauren
- Strategic Plan Committee-members

Next Parish Council meeting – will be held on November 14th 2018 at 6:30pm in the Ministry House; opening prayer will be presented by Evie Yaden and closing prayer will be presented by Miranda Wantland.

Submitted by Brittney Brown, Secretary of Parish Council

Date: 2018 October



Committee: Adult Formation

Submitted by: Therese

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

RCIA (Adults & Children)

- At the moment we have four grade school children who will celebrate sacraments on Holy Saturday. We may also have a toddler to be baptized if child's mother decides to do so.
- At the moment, we have nine adult candidates involved.
- This year we clarified the difference between Parish Sponsor and Sacrament Sponsor. We want each candidate to have someone who belongs to the parish to walk with him/her throughout the process. Often the parish sponsor ends up serving as sacrament sponsor but this they can be different. Three teens are serving as parish sponsors for children. Currently seven adults are serving as parish sponsors.

Respect Life Committee

- The committee has expanded their understanding of "Consistent Ethic of Life" meaning this year, in addition to bringing attention to the abortion concern they are working with Sister Lorraine Lauter, OSU. She is the founder of Water with Blessings which exists to provide third world communities with clean water. A collection will take place after Masses the weekend of October 20 & 21.

Key Club

- Barbara Schmidt coordinated a boat excursion to be experienced on Oct 10th.
- Barbara Schmidt, current leader of KEY Club has indicated her desire to step down. Discussion and decisions about his will occur over the next couple of months.

FCHUM Report (From Mary & Tommy Russell) – Not yet received

SVdP / St. Vincent dePaul (From Judy Hellmann, Treasurer) – See below

Financial Peace University

- The original class schedule included a break on Thursday, November 1st so all participants could attend Mass therefore scheduled is a Monday, October 8 class.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

W. M. de Paul

Blessing of Animals

- An activity of the four Formation Team areas with help from Tim McGinty, this is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th this will be held near the Playpark from 1-3pm. Fr. John will bless the animals. Treats for both animals and humans will be provided.

Men's Retreat

- This will take place at Mt. St. Francis on October 12 & 13. Two parishioners will attend.

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. We (the Faith in Action / Adult Formation Committee) are excited about this event.

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.

Women's Retreat

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

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 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.



Date: Oct 2, 2018

Committee: St Vincent De Paul

Submitted by: Judy Hellmann, Treasurer

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- We finally have ended our transition period and received the 2nd and final check for the SVDP money being held in St Gabriel's church account. It was deposited into our new checking account on Sept 24th. **OUR SEPT BALANCE after all expenses was \$10,427**
- This is not only the end of the month but also our quarter. We give a financial and volunteer report not only to you but to our SVDP Society Council as well.
- **For the month of September we received \$3,267 in donations.** That was all from the parish. We had no other help from outside churches or individual memorial remembrances this month. Some families who are supporters of SVDP ask for donations to us in lieu of flowers in memory of the deceased. We very much appreciate this kind support. Over the past quarter we received \$750 from memorial donations.
- **In the month of September we spent 4500 - 4100 in client aid and 400 in operating expenses.** We had to have new checks printed for our new account and also paid 200 for our part of the new SVDP Group insurance policy as we are no longer under the church's "property damage and liability" insurance. This new group policy covers all the SVDP conferences in Louisville.
- **We assisted the 70 requests we received either thru Ferncreek or directly by phone to us, helping a total of 180 people. We made one home visit. Our financial assistance helped to keep people in their homes, having bills current and utilities running.** All people we help are first vetted through Fern Creek United Ministries or other local churches or ministries who do the same, unless they are our own parishners and we know of their circumstances. We are very blessed to have the generosity of St Gabriel parishners to make this possible.



UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS of SVDP:

- Nothing different now that the transition is completed. We are waiting to hear how we might further serve with the parish efforts for social justice.

NEEDS/REQUESTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL for SVDP:

- Please keep us in your prayers and remember us with your support.

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.

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Date: 10/10/18

Committee: School

Submitted by: Kathy Stivers

RECENT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The PTSO Walk-a-thon was held on September 28.
- Grandparent Day for kindergarten was held at the beginning of October.
- iPad training for adults was conducted by the technology committee. The committee is exploring other topics. Please pass along any ideas that you think may be of interest.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PLANS:

- Plans are being made to re-launch the Online Store before the holidays.
- There will be an open house for prospective families on October 23 from 9:00am - 11:00am and 5:30pm - 7:00pm. This will be communicated through and ad in the Record (with other schools, the Esign, Facebook boosts, and a targeted mailing to parish families with young children (including pre-school)).
- PTSO/Men's Club Fall Festival will be October 20 in the playpark area.

Accreditation surveys for parents, staff and students in grades 5 - 8 will be done October 17 - 31.

