

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

Approved Parish Council Minutes

April 27, 2023

Members Present: Fr. Jason Harris, Deacon Stephen Bowling, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Evie Yaden (June 2021), Dawn Roseberry (June 2022), Linda Lenhart (June 2023), Rachel Fitzmayer (June 2024), Dennis Comella (June 2024)

Members Absent: Fr. Jithin, Stephanie Oliver (June 2023), Kevin Abell (June 2022), Andrew Simpson (June 2023)

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jason Harris

January meeting minutes were approved by Fr. Jason, 2nd motion Evie Yaden

Questions/Concerns/Comments

- Will new carpet be installed upstairs in the loft area when the new carpet is installed in the church? Not now. Money needs to go to getting new pumps. Pumps 3,5, and 6 have been rebuilt and swapped to other areas. 1 pump is dead. We'll need to make a down payment of \$26,000. Archbishop Shelton needs to approve the expense.
- The new handrails installed on the steps to the alter blend in and look good.
- Teachers leaving/hiring process – Is Laura in charge of it all? Yes, she is the supervisor. K teacher, Melissa Schindle is going to St. Michael's. Another teacher is leaving to move to FL. There are some discipline and curricular issues. It was reported from a parent that some teachers aren't doing a good job. Fr. Jason said it is being addressed.
- Cole McDowell did a great job subbing in Jr. High. Fr. Jason is proud of him for asking to do it, it was certainly an experience for him.

New Business

- Eucharistic Minister training/retraining will be held on May 18th. The training has been cut down to 1 hour rather than 3. We have had a couple people inquire about being a new Eucharistic Minister so far. The cup will be brought back to all Masses the weekend of June 10/11. We will start with 4 chalices to see how the congregation responds, and will add 2 more chalices as they are needed. The deacons will take care of the purification of chalices. Fr. Jason plans to bring the cup back to school Masses after the students have been re-educated and trained as some of our students have not yet been trained due to Covid.
- Jamie Pike is now the Athletic Director – 30 hours/week. 2 others are PT gym managers working 20 hours/week. Jamie is reinstating directors for each sport.
- The sports uniforms have gotten away from our school colors. We are thinking of changing them with a uniform vendor. The kids will get to vote on these.

- Our sports program is not for profit, it should break even. There is a profit/loss being kept to make sure this is done correctly.
- Parish Council will be open to 2 new members in June.
- The parish continues to seek housing for Fr. Jithin. We have been informed there is a patio home nearby that will be available soon, and there is a house in Saratogo Woods available at \$500,000. Parish Council does not want to pay rent for Fr. Jithin's housing. Fr. Jason does not want to sell the current rectory. It is the ideal location, and he wants to keep it for meetings or scouts if he were to move. Fr. Jason would like to hear comments. He wishes for a large dining room to have friends/parish members over for a meal. Parish Council does not think purchasing a \$500K house would go over well with parishioners. Some are still unhappy regarding the last home purchased in Saratogo Woods, and the sale of the St. Gabriel Park property.
- Fr. Jason is disappointed the parish still has some divide, even though he has been here for 2 years. These are the areas of concern: School/Parish/Pre-School, hurt from predecessor, trust factor amongst the employee regarding Fr. Jason – if he is for real, and does he have their back?
- Fr. Jason would like to have more small community time with parishioners. It was suggested that parishioners schedule monthly dinners with him at their homes. Formation also needs more work.
- July 15th is the date for the St. Gabriel picnic. We have captains for all booths covered. Each captain will need to recruit 10 people to cover the shifts. Raffle tickets went home with the oldest/only students.
- The budget is getting turned in this month. Regarding parishioners, we have lost some from our "A" group and more in the "B" group, our middle group is growing.
- We have a "Give" text line that has been set up with several giving options. Currently it is set up for VBS, Raffle tickets, and Lucky Number. Other options will be added soon. You can check it out at (502) 276-7432.
- Annunciation Window has been approved. Work will be done on June 24, 25, and 26, and should be ready for install by late Aug. The dedication will be held on Sept. 3 with Archbishop Shelton.
- Lenten Fish Frys profit was under 5K per week.
- The Parish needs to get a 3rd quote for the new carpet because quote #2 was cheaper than quote #1. The third quote is required due to the expense being over \$20,000.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Jason

Next Meeting – June 1, 2023

Submitted by: Linda Lenhart, Parish Council Secretary