

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

Approved Parish Council Minutes

July 7, 2022

Members Present: Fr. Jason Harris, Cole McDowell, Deacon Stephen Bowling, Stephanie Oliver (June 2023), Kevin Abell (June 2022), Evie Yaden (June 2021), Linda Lenhart (June 2023), Rachel Fitzmayer (June 2024), Dennis Comella (June 2024)

Members Absent: Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Andrew Simpson (June 2023), Dawn Roseberry (June 2022),

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jason Harris

Introduction of Cole McDowell, Seminarian with The Archdiocese of Louisville. Cole will be helping with RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation, and several other parish life activities. He is taking a year away from seminarian studies for parish life experience.

Questions/Concerns/Comments

- The St. Gabriel App is not updated. It still has Holy Week information listed.
- In the past, we would pray for parishioners who were ill or passed away in the prayers of the faithful. Many parishioners want to see and hear names so they are informed. They are listed in the book of prayers, but some feel uncomfortable going through the book. Fr. John did not like it, the change was not well received, but expected. The list gets long, Fr. Jason's thoughts on this:
 - Length of time
 - Could do bulletin, but names would need to be taken off and put back on.
 - Could have a website prayer intention form.
 - Could have Dennis put it on the screen in the gathering space once a month.
- Selling/Collecting things in the gathering space. Kevin is always there collecting money for Crusade for Children, but no one else is allowed. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have to sell their items outside. Fr. Jason will meet with him to let him know he can collect once a month. Fr. Jason was not aware of the no selling/collecting policy for the gathering space, he will work on having others allowed to do this inside again.
- Time and Talent Cards – 30-40 hours of staff time are put in on collecting the cards, and there are times that we are double asking. This happens every year. Many parishioners are never contacted. Fr. Jason shared his thoughts on suspending the cards for a year, and transition to a method to directly ask people to participate. His thoughts include for Parish Council members to set up a table at the Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast, and other parish activities, and, also approach people before or after Mass.
- Bingo Volunteers – it's still a struggle getting volunteers to work the Bingo. An idea was mentioned to have each homeroom teacher get 4-6 volunteers for Wednesday and Thursday of a week. It would also be a good idea to have a Bingo tutorial video made for

the volunteers to watch so the regulars do not have to retrain them each time they work. This would make it easier on all involved.

- Eucharistic Ministers are being scheduled 1 or 2 months at a time. We need more Eucharistic Ministers to serve our parish.
- Trifecta Festival – We need more advertisement. Tim McGinty is working on sponsors. The cost of chicken has increased by 50%, therefore our chicken dinner will be higher.
- Update on St. Gabriel school teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - We need a 7th/ 8th grade Science teacher.
 - 5th/6th grade teacher Ms. Farley left for health reasons.
 - 5th/6th grade science teacher, Ms. Zoglmann is coming back.
- Vacation Bible School was a hit!
 - Attendance went from 55-127 children
 - Pre-K and 3rd grade had numerous students. We need to make a plan for next year for this age group. It was suggested that since we partnered with St. Michael's that perhaps our overflow could attend there. Point was brought up that doing so could be offensive to parishioners not being able to attend at their own parish.
- New Hire- The maintenance position has been filled. This individual has a HVAC background and wants to work for 3 years and then back off. Mark LaPierre left for another position. We are moving along and getting things done.
- Guzio house – No changes
- Confession- Fr. Jason would like to have confession for every class at least 1 time/yr. He would do this on Wednesday mornings.
- Mercy Chaplin- Fr. Jason and Fr. Chuck will share this ministry.
- Help for Fr. Jason – Frs. Jim, Tony, Dick will continue to help with weekend Masses.
- Archbishop Shelton- Fr. Jason is getting to know him. He has observed that he is quiet, he's a listener. He listens, thinks, and then talks.
- Campus Update- Lighting in school has been changed to "brown".

Closing Prayer – Fr. Jason

Next Meeting – August 4, 2022

Submitted by: Linda Lenhart, Parish Council Secretary