

## St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

### Approved Parish Council Minutes

November, 3, 2022

**Members Present:** Fr. Jason Harris, Cole McDowell, Deacon Mike Fitzmayer, Kevin Abell (June 2022), Linda Lenhart (June 2023), Stephanie Oliver (June 2023), Rachel Fitzmayer (June 2024), Dennis Comella (June 2024),

**Members Absent:** Deacon Stephen Bowling, Andrew Simpson (June 2023), Evie Yaden (June 2021), Dawn Roseberry (June 2022),

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Jason Harris

October meeting minutes approved by: Kevin Abell and Dennis Comella

#### **Questions/Concerns/Comments**

- School enrollment goes thru November 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$125.00
- School Board roll off is every 3 years. When we meet in January, we will review the Parish Council By-law, and decide if any updates are needed. We need to open up for new members. Current Term limits will be discussed.
- There is concern regarding the cry room not being utilized by some parents when little ones are upset. Gathering Space is useful for small children who have a hard time sitting still.
- It was also brought up that folks seem to be talking more in the church before Mass during reverent prayer time, rather than using the gathering space.
- There were very few workers for the Fall Festival...How do we get more volunteers to work?
- Suggested that the Walk-a-thon not be scheduled so close to the Fall Festival. Seems to be a hardship for some parents financially.
- Having a major event, such as the Parish Picnic, during the month of August is difficult for teachers, staff, and families with school starting soon afterwards.

#### **New Business**

- Events Coordinator vs. Stewardship Director – Fr. Jason would like an events coordinator to handle all events of the parish due to stewardship and events happening at the same time. Some Parish Council Members let Fr. Jason know that in the past, parents helped with some gatherings such as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents hosting the First Communion Reception. Parents enjoyed doing this because the class before them did it for their children.
- Fr. Jason's thoughts are to hire a PT Youth Sports Manager, and a FT Stewardship Director.

- In order to get more parishioners involved in parish life, we will have members of different ministries such as Worship committee, Parish Council, St. Vincent De Paul Society, etc. to set up during the Pancake breakfast. With good planning, we can turn the corner and people will want to be here to volunteer.
- Chances for the 2023 Picnic will be sent out in April. The picnic is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Lunch Fish Frys will still be happening during Lent on Fridays with the Knights of Columbus helping.

### **2023 Upcoming Campus Events**

- February: Sports Ministry Trivia Night
- March 18<sup>th</sup>-School Gala
- Fish Frys: Feb.24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- Holy Week
- First Communion and Receptions
- Confirmation and Receptions
- July 15<sup>th</sup>-Picnic – Chicken Dinner and Gambling
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – Fish Dinner Fall Festival + Silent Auction + Haunted Halls
- October PTSO Walk-a-thon
- November – Craft Fair

Note: Sponsorship Packages will be for the entire year.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Jason

**Next Meeting:** January 5, 2023

Submitted by Linda Lenhart, Parish Council Secretary