

## St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

### Unapproved Parish Council Minutes

January 4, 2023

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

**Members Absent:** Deacon Stephen Bowling, Dawn Roseberry (June 2022),

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Jason Harris

November meeting minutes approved by: Evie Yaden and Dennis Comella

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

- How was St. Gabriel able to get an assistant priest? We were very lucky! There were 4 international priest that were able to go to parishes, we got Fr. Jithin. Hopefully he is feeling welcome!
- Fr. Jithin's living arrangements – he is living at St. Martha for now. We want him living on St. Gabriel property. We need to do something in the next 6-12 months.
- The Guzio house at the back of our property is being used by family members. We could look at purchasing another house, or a patio home, or renting an apartment.
- Kids are happy their trophies are now being displayed.
- Afterschool has moved to the cafeteria rather than the gym so the gym can be used for practices.
- Alter servers- there seems to be chaos with some of the Alter servers. Some of them don't appear to know what to do. Deacon Mike said they are letting anyone serve who wants to serve. Fr. Jason plans to have a new training/re-training.
- St. Gabriel Middle School Theology teacher will be out for a 6-week medical leave beginning February 1, 2023. Cole McDowell will be subbing. This class is actually finalizing their preparation for Confirmation. It will be great for Cole to lead them. Fr. Jason is hoping Cole will be able to “dig” for the student's answers.
- Campus Flood
  - We had a flood on our campus Christmas Eve into Christmas Day. There was 600 gallons of water on the floor due to a frozen pipe in the Kindergarten hall and cafeteria.
  - Puro First, Coit, the sprinkler company, and Derby City Fire all came out to help on 12/26.
  - Cafeteria floor is bubbled up.
  - Sprinkler pipes may need insulation.

- Found holes in our emergency response team. We need more hands to make the work lighter.
- The chiller may have frozen. We're hoping it's only a pipe problem. The heat sensor is located in the boiler room. It turns the heat strips on. We'll move ceiling tiles if it gets that cold again.
- We were behind on inspection.

### **New Business**

- Regarding the By-Laws, Fr. Jason ask the Parish Council members, "What do you want out of Parish Council?" He would like 2-3 topics starting with "what's on your mind?" Deacon Mike would like the principal, a member from Finance Council, Admin Council, and the Worship Council to join us at different meetings just to give a report. If anyone wants to bring something to a Parish Council meeting, they are welcome to come.
- Our By-Laws state there should be 9 members at large, we currently have 8. Fr. Jason would like us all to decide if we want to serve another term.
- People seem to be more ready to volunteer for the council.
- The 2021-2022 Vital Statistic report was reviewed.
- New Member Meetings – Fr. Jason is currently in charge of the meetings. There will be a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March, 10:30 on Sunday, then going to Mass together at Noon.
- Year-end report will be in the bulletin this month.
- The stewardship pamphlets will be mailed in February.
- We have been pursuing an individual for the Athletic Director position since before Christmas. He is currently out of town. Fr. Jason is hoping to meet with him soon.
- A Part-time gym manager, Jamie Pike, has been hired. (Sports Coordinators are volunteers).
- The Diocese wants a sketch of the stained glass window we have previously discussed, where the Tabernacle used to be placed, before approval.
- Another 9K gift was donated to the parish. We could use 2K of that to finish paying for the window, and possibly use the other funds towards the cost of the new carpet.
- The church lighting has become dim, the LED's may need to be changed.
- The web page (Parish only so far) has been simplified.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Jason

Next Meeting – February 2, 2023

Submitted by: Linda Lenhart, Parish Council Secretary