

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

Unapproved Parish Council Minutes

October 8, 2024

Members Present: Fr. Jason Harris, Deacon Stephen Bowling, Evie Yaden (2025), Linda Lenhart (2026), Dennis Comella (2027), Stephanie Oliver (2026), Kevin Abell (2026), Tammy Shoemaker (2027), Peggy Boone (2025)

Members Absent: Ken Cusick (2027)

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jason

September minutes were approved by Dennis Comella, and Peggy Boone, 2nd motion.

Questions/Concerns/Comments

- St. Gabriel the Archangel feast day was very nice. There was a lot of good energy shared amongst the community. The Annunciation window was blessed during Mass. Fr. Jason is looking for ideas to perhaps have it look more like a shrine.
- A parishioner/parent suggested collecting items for the hurricane victims. It was last minute, so the announcement was only sent out on social media because the bulletin had already been printed. PR will be improving with more ways to get information to parents.
- A suggestion was given to allow students who attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass, to be allowed to take donated items from parishioners to their classroom for credit. Discussed suggestions of what could be done so that school families aren't constantly being asked for donations.
- The Fall Festival will not be taking place this year, as it was not budgeted by the school, and they don't have the staff to do it. The Pre-School is working on taking over the Fall Festival in the future.

New Business

- Plans for the new rectory were reviewed. Archbishop Shelton Fabre has already approved the plan. Plans will be placed in the gathering space for parishioners to view. Chosen builders will be contacted for their interest. It is expected to take 2-3 months to receive a bid from those who are interested in the build. Once a builder is chosen, the current rectory will be torn down. Tear down will take approximately one month to complete, and the build of the new rectory to take approximately 9 months. Bill Zoeller of the Archdiocese of Louisville will make the final decision on the build. We have 3 experts, Ken Peet, Steve Hughes, and Pat Strehl. All of these parishioners are members of the Building Committee, and are donating their time to oversee the build of the rectory. Rick Gorter is the Architect. He has worked with Ken in the past. There has already been a whole house generator almost totally donated.
- It is important for our parishioners to be aware of, and understand:
 - Archbishop Shelton wants the priest to live together, preferably on campus.
 - Parish Rectory stays on campus.
 - Assures we have space for additional priest.
 - No Capitol campaign is needed due to the fact that St. Gabriel made 54% profit on the sale of the Bardstown Rd. property.
- CSA campaign – Parishioner, Peyton Ray works at Catholic Charities. He has asked to speak at Mass regarding Catholic Charities to let parishioners know what they do. His wife Kelsey works at St. Gabriel school.
- Foster Care will be coming the last weekend in October to speak regarding the Foster Care program.
- Little Sisters of the Poor are scheduled to visit and speak August 2025. We may help with their "Nun Run" in the spring.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Jason Harris

Next Meeting – November 12, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Submitted by: Linda Lenhart, Parish Council Secretary