

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

Approved Parish Council Minutes – April 13, 2011

Members Present: Mike Bauer, Marcia Brey, Jennifer Fetz, Mark Frederick, Melissa Gunter, Barbara Harbsmeier, Dennis Logan, Denise Meyer, Mike O’Neill, Matt Scobee, Amy Shaper, Angela Simmons, Ken Stacy, Fr. John Stoltz, Angela Thomas; **Members Absent:** Mark Craven, Darryl Diemer, Wendy Hensley, Allison Krebs, Andrew Kuchenbrod

Opening Prayer: Mike Bauer

Minutes of March 2, 2011 approved via e-mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP – presented by Barbara Harbsmeier – the committee is indebted to Mike McCarthy for the beautiful Ambry in our gathering space – the handmade cabinet will display our Holy Oils; we are readying our Worship Space for Palm Sunday through the Triduum to Easter Sunday – our goal is a spiritual environment for all of St. Gabriel; Kate Temple will head decorating the church on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 8am – all are welcome to help; Kelly Shaper had about 30 people attend Eucharistic Minister Training March 21, 2011; Jennifer Streicher ordered a size 1 robe for our smaller servers; our First Communion Celebrations are the weekend of April 30 and May 1, 2011.

FORMATION – presented by Melissa Gunter – **RCIA** – the Sunday Catechumenate group is preparing for a Palm Sunday Retreat as well as the Easter Vigil – will we have 17 people initiated at the Vigil; **GEMB** – the mission presenter, Mike Patin, was very impressed with the hospitality and ministry of our four parishes and how we work together – see his comments on his website www.mikepatin.com and scroll down to “Travel – Louisville Mission”; **Athletics** – new energy efficient lights have been installed in the gym and all basketball goals are now motorized to a key switch; our 1st ever archery team placed 4th in the region; summer sports sign-ups are May 9, 2011 at Chic-Fil-A; **Stewardship** – we have had great turnouts at Bingo the last month – parents have stepped up and are volunteering to help support Athletics and the Parish; we have scheduled a Chick-Fil-A night every month during the school year – we received \$384.00 in March and had a great turnout in April; **First Eucharist** – we have 3 liturgies celebrating First Eucharist coming up April 30-May 1, 2011; 85 children will receive this Sacrament for the first time this year; **Religious Education** – closing program for 2010-2011 is this Sunday, April 17, 2011 following the 8:30am Mass; early registration is underway for 2011-2012; registration fee remains at \$35 for those who register by May 31, 2011 – registration will increase to \$50 after June 1, 2011; **Sunday Morning Preschool** – has ended for this year - we look forward to next year, registrations will be in late August early September; **Vacation Bible School** – is July 18-22 and the theme is “Panda Mania: Where God is Wild About You!” – all volunteers are invited to a planning meeting on May 19, 2011 at 7pm in Loft 1; **Why Catholic?** – most groups are concluding the first round; a survey is available online, a link to it will soon be on the front page of the parish website – it’s a great opportunity for folks to give us feedback on this first round; the next round will be in the Fall and will focus on the new Roman Missal translation – signups for groups will begin in August; we will conclude the Sacraments study in Lent of 2012; many members of the parish council that are involved in this program spoke of the program being very rewarding and fulfilling; one member spoke of the diversity of her group and how she would have probably never met these members if not for the program; another member stated that she thinks there will be more involvement in Church by some parishioners due to Why Catholic?

YOUTH MINISTRY – No report; Mike Bauer spoke of the Appalachian Trip and how wonderful the experience was and that the kids that participated were great

SERVICE – No report

SOCIAL JUSTICE – presented by Matt Scobee – **Respect Life** – members of the parish participated in the 40 Days For Life Vigil (2nd and Market, downtown Louisville) on Monday, March 21, 2011; the committee will be selling roses on Mother's Day ; on Father's Day they will be giving out lifesaver lollipops and taking donations to help with the annual Right to Life walk in September 2011; **General** – planning is underway for Repair Affairs 2011 which will take place Saturday, June 18, 2011

ADMINISTRATION – presented by Marcia Brey – **Bingo** – had the best month of March we have had in over 5 years due a recent \$10,000 cash raffle with a net profit of approximately \$50,000; we also had the best 1st quarter results ever with a profit of over \$100,000; a Facebook web page has recently been added to keep everyone updated on St. Gabriel Bingo; **Finance** – Parish financials look good; school budget was approved and tuition letters were sent to all families and are due back by April 15, 2011; the Parish and all organization's budgets have been completed and are with Fr. John Stoltz for review prior to going to the finance committee on April 26, 2011; **Summer Festival** – letter to parish has been revised to reflect dates for current year – it will be distributed to school families along with the capital prize chances in back to school packets in late May; balance of parish letters and capital prize chances to non-school families will be made available in the gathering space of the Church in the same week; details of the different aspects of the picnic are still being worked out; **Building and Maintenance** – several projects were worked on over Spring Break to improve the school and Parish facilities: new lights in the gym, gym restroom and concession floors professionally cleaned, electric motors for goals in gym to move up and down, new lights in school hallway, cleaned out attic, put down flooring in attic, and new carpet placed in school office reception area; looking into replacing boilers within the next year or so; waiting on approval to put up gutters on kindergarten wing, court yard, and small section in front of school office entrance; waiting on estimates to install walls in Pre-K and Jr. High areas; **Technology** – everything is going well – no new updates

NEW BUSINESS:

Pregnancy Resource Center – working on finding a liaison between the Center and St. Gabriel to help the center

New Electronic Sign in front of St. Gabriel – Todd Moore, parishioner and owner of a local sign business is working with the City Council regarding rules and regulations of placing an electronic sign in front of St. Gabriel on Bardstown Road; once permission is obtained from the City Council, three bids for the sign will be obtained and brought back to the parish council for review – Marcia Brey continues to work on this project

Roman Missal – June 8, 2011 and June 14, 2011 are the dates that have been set up for training; this will be collaboration between Parish Council and the Worship Committee

Parish Council Term Limits – these were determined for the members of the Parish Council and are as follows: Amy Shaper and Ken Stacey – terms end in June 2011; Mike O'Neill and Mark Frederick – terms end in June 2012; Angela Simmons – term ends in June 2012 - can re-serve after 2012 until June 2015 and be exempt from Bylaws that state she can't serve back to back terms because she replaced a member that had resigned; Angie Thomas, Wendy Hensley and Dennis Logan – terms end in June 2013; Mike Bauer – term ends June 2011 but will continue to serve until June 2015 because he replaced a member that had resigned and was chosen as Vice Chairperson. As Vice Chairperson, Mike Bauer will be in charge of selection process of new At- Large Members of Parish Council – approximately five or six parishioners expressed interest in serving on the Parish Council on the stewardship forms; at the next

parish council meeting on May 18, 2011 there will be an orientation of possible candidates for parish council before the meeting starts; Selection Sunday is May 22, 2011 by Fr. John Stoltz

Resignation – due to new job responsibilities, Mark Craven will be stepping down from Service Chairperson; the council is appreciative of everything he has done for the St. Gabriel Parish and Parish Council

PASTOR REMARKS:

- Steve Smith, Music Minister, is resigning due to his family relocating for employment; his hard work has been much appreciated; currently looking for a replacement from the candidates that applied previously
- Cindy Bowen, Barbara Glantz and Fr. John Stoltz are interviewing for the teaching position for the 3 year old program
- Fr. John Stoltz has been mentoring Johnny Johnson who is a former Episcopal Priest and now wants to become a married Roman Catholic Priest – permission was obtained from Rome; on May 8, 2011 he is going to be ordained a Deacon
- Fr. Paul Beach is the new Pastor at St. Francis of Xavier in Mt. Washington
- Stations of the Cross on April 15, 2011 will be in Spanish
- Spanish Latino Committee want to become more involved with regular Mass – there are three or four families on the committee; discussion is being held for them to have a booth at the Summer Festival
- Fr. John Stoltz attended a Retreat at Gethsemani and had a good time
- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services will be held Easter week

Closing Prayer: Melissa Gunter

Next Parish Council Meeting – May 18, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Teacher’s Lounge at St. Gabriel School; Orientation for perspective parish council members will be the first agenda item. The meeting is a change from the regularly scheduled meetings due to Fr. John Stoltz attending the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip the prior week. Opening prayer will be presented by Angela Simmons and closing prayer will be presented by Mark Frederick.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary