

## St. Gabriel the Archangel

Approved Parish Council Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2011

**Members Present:** Mike Bauer, Marcia Brey, Jennifer Fetz, Mark Frederick, Melissa Gunter, Eric Haru, Barbara Harbsmeier, Wendy Hensley, Dennis Logan, Denise Meyer, Mike O'Neill, Matt Scobee, Amy Shaper, Angela Simmons, Fr. John Stoltz

**Members Absent:** Mark Craven, Darryl Diemer, Allison Krebs, Andrew Kuchenbrod, Ken Stacy, Angie Thomas, Charlotte Tucker

St. Joseph Candle was lit to start the meeting.

**Opening Prayer:** Amy Shaper

November 10, 2010 meeting minutes were approved by members via e-mail.

Michael Bauer, Marcia Brey, Dennis Logan and Angela Simmons were welcomed to the parish council as new members.

Marcia Brey was introduced as the new Administration chairperson.

**Special Guest:** Mike Book, Vice President of PTSO at St. Gabriel; he presented a proposal to the parish council members to buy a new LED Digital Sign for St. Gabriel from funds the PTSO has already raised; the intent of the sign is "to sell St. Gabriel" by advertising various school and parish events on the sign; Fr. John will make a recommendation to the Archbishop regarding the purchase of the sign after all of the specifics are determined (total cost, location, etc.)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FORMATION** – presented by Melissa Gunter – **Adult Faith Formation** – the annual Couple's Dinner will be February 12, 2011 at 6:30pm; guest speakers will be Deacon Stephen and Susan Bowling – the theme is WHY MARRIAGE; there will be a renewal of marriage vows at all the Masses that weekend; **RCIA** - we will have four previously baptized people fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the end of January; there will be four more individuals who will start their RCIA journey in a newly formed Catechumenate group that will meet in the evenings; the current Sunday group is looking forward to the beginning of Lent where they will first celebrate the Rite of Sending and then the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion with the Archbishop; **Why Catholic** – the team is preparing a sign up card that will be included in the Stewardship packets this year; people are invited to sign up to be a part of a small Christian community and/or to be leader of a group; **GEMB** – plans are in the works for our Lenten Mission with Mike Patin – he will be at St. Gabriel for the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday, March 13, 2011 and will return that evening for a special family event to be held in the gym; he will rotate through the other GEMB parishes the following three evenings; there will be a combined Lenten Reconciliation service at St. Bernard on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 3pm for the GEMB parishes; we will be collaborating with Why Catholic events over the course of the next four years – the first of these events will take place on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 3pm at St. Edwards focusing on the first year's Why Catholic theme of Sacraments; **Athletics** – St. Gabriel's 1<sup>st</sup> ever archery meet will be January 29, 2011 at Fern Creek High School; Spring sport's sign-ups will be February 5, 2011 in the gym from 9a-2pm; **School** – our big focus now is registration; registration for new families is January 12, 2011 and Fr. John Stoltz and Barbara Glanz will be there; Pre-K and the 3 year old program will also register the same night; **Stewardship** – we are getting ready all the Stewardship forms in order to go out in the mail at the end of January; a

Stewardship talk will be given by Sister Mary Naomi Elder; a parish dinner at Outback Restaurant is planned for Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 12pm and the cost is \$20/person and the money goes to benefit St. Gabriel Park

**WORSHIP** – presented by Barbara Harbsmeier – offered sincere appreciation to everyone who came to decorate the church for Christmas; the Kuchenbrod family organized a singing group for the Christmas Midnight Mass; Kate Temple will be the new Art and Environment Chairperson; a new Music Director should be named by the end of the month and we look forward to the return of the Choir soon; offered thanks to the wonderful Cantors who have carried us through Advent and Christmas – they are a super group of music ministers

**SERVICE**: No report

**ADMINISTRATION**: No report

**YOUTH MINISTRY**: No report

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** – presented by Matt Scobee; nothing to report due to lots of the committee members have resigned; need to let everyone know what this committee does and find a way to get new members; the parish council came up with an action plan for this problem by having the committee chairperson (or representative) to speak from the pulpit during Mass about the committee along with having an informational table at the back of the church about the committee to generate interest

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Why Catholic Program – information is being placed in the stewardship packets asking parishioners to be involved with small groups and possibly becoming small group leaders; the program has been advertised both in the bulletin and on the parish website; the program starts the week of March 6, 2011 (beginning of Lent); Betsy O’Neill and Tom Goodin are going to speak about the program at all of the Masses; parish council members need to sell the program and step up to be leaders if possible; recommended group sizes are 6-10 people; Roman Missal – various groups need to organize and be able to teach the new changes coming to the Catholic Church; an action plan was devised by the parish council to come up with some time to be able to learn about and teach the new changes coming to the Catholic Church in order to be able to promote the program; the Archdiocese is going to offer workshops about Roman Missal

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Vice Chairperson – Mike Bauer was chosen by random draw by Fr. John Stoltz for the position; Electronic Sign – an open discussion was held by the group regarding the sign the PTSO wants to purchase and place at St. Gabriel; an action plan was taken for the Administration chair to work with the Technology committee and the PTSO about the specifics of the purchase and will bring back the information to the February 9, 2011 parish council meeting; the final decision regarding the purchasing of the sign will come from the Archbishop; Vision Goals – a discussion was held regarding the vision and goals of St. Gabriel; the members of these sub-committees continue to work on these goals; an action plan was taken to promote a different committee at St. Gabriel each month with the Social Justice committee being the first committee to promote due to lack of members in this committee

**PASTOR REMARKS:**

Fr. John spoke of the wonderful Christmas celebrations; Welcomed Marcia Brey as the Administration Committee Chairperson; informed the council that the Vice Chairperson will have a part in picking three new members of parish council to replace the outgoing members; announced that Linda Hemmer is being replaced by Tammy Goodlett as parish bookkeeper; welcomed Kate Temple as new Art and Environment Committee Chairperson

**Closing Prayer** – Barbara Harbsmeier

**Next Parish Council Meeting** – February 9, 2011 at 6:30pm in the teacher's lounge at St. Gabriel School; opening prayer will be presented by Wendy Hensley and closing prayer will be presented by Melissa Gunter.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary