

St. Gabriel the Archangel

Approved Parish Council Minutes – January 11, 2012

Members Present: Mike Bauer, Marcia Brey, Jennifer Fetz, Mark Frederick, Barbara Harbsmeier, Wendy Hensley, Dennis Logan, Mike McGauley, Denise Meyer, Donna Nitishin, Mike O’Neill, Matt Scobee, Paula Silliman, Fr. John Stoltz, Sandy Weber; **Members Absent:** Melissa Gunter, Angela Simmons

Opening Prayer: Sandy Weber

Minutes of the November 9, 2011 parish council meeting were approved via e-mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FORMATION – presented by Melissa Gunter – **RCIA** – the 10 adults and 5 children in the RCIA are currently learning about the Sacraments – those participants who are already baptized will be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation; neophytes (those people baptized last Easter) will be included in this preparation and will also receive the Sacrament; **Roman Missal** – the transition to the new translation to the Roman Missal seems to have gone smoothly; **GEMB** – the next Koinonia Retreat will be held at St. Bernard the weekend of February 10-12, 2012 – the theme is “Believe and Be Healed”; planning is in the works for the next GEMB mission to be held in February 2013; **Adult Formation** - the annual couple’s night celebrating marriage will be January 28, 2012; book discussions continue – the current book being read is reported regularly in the bulletin – everyone is welcome; **School Report** – we are currently gearing up for Catholic Schools Week – we have activities planned for each day; a prayer service for St. Blasé Day will be held and we will be blessing the throats of the students

ADMINISTRATION – presented by Marcia Brey – Sign Update – finalized the type of sign we will buy given the power availability – the supplier is reviewing quotes and completing the permit; lead time is 8 weeks – we hope to have the sign installed in 1Q12

WORSHIP – presented by Barbara Harbsmeier - the Bell Choir made its debut on Sunday, January 8, 2012 – they performed two songs beautifully; Fr. John wants to bless each family’s Baby Jesus on Gaudite Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent) – he will encourage children to bring the babies from Family Nativity sets to be blessed during Masses that Sunday; Rhonda Becker will do our Paschal Candle again this year – it has been ordered; Bill Hayden planned a mandatory meeting for Lectors on January 8, 2012 – Fr. John announced the proper way to bow when crossing in front of the altar; he also explained why the Ambo will be used only for the Word of God – all petitions will be read by Lectors at the Cantor’s stand – all announcements should also be read from that stand; starting Sunday, January 15, 2012 all Lectors will end the readings by intoning “The Word of the Lord” and the assembly will respond by intoning “Thanks be to God” – the Roman Missal calls for intoning and the committee feels it will enrich our celebrations

SERVICE – presented by Mike McGauley – **Men’s Club** – the annual St. Gabriel Men’s Club Snowball Golf Scramble is set for Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 10am at Charlie Vettiner Golf Course; the unveiling of the St. Gabriel Men’s Club Scholarship will be for the school year 2012; fish fry is coming up; Saint Nick report – with the success of our 1st year’s St. Patrick’s/St. Nick Fundraising Dance the Men’s Club was blessed with a good response for volunteers from within the Parish and community – things went very smoothly at the shopping and wrapping events and for the pick up; the success has

allowed the initial funding of the St. Gabriel Men's Club Scholarship and has been deemed an annual fundraising event to be planned and maintained by the Men's Club; Cub Scouts –there have been several leadership changes this year due to cub scouts moving to boy scouts; Mark Craven moved to Assistant Den Leader from Cub master and Chuck Pemberton moved to Cub master from Assistant Den Leader; Bill Hayden will be stepping down as Chair in March and Tom Doyle has been recommended as the new Chair; we achieved Gold Level in 2011 with the Council by increasing training, numbers and events; we will be attempting a Spring Round-up this year meaning we will be allowing those finishing Kindergarten to sign up in May and not wait until August – this way they can attend day camps and our summer activities.

SOCIAL JUSTICE – presented by Matt Scobee – General Committee – through the help of many generous groups and parishioners St. Gabriel donated 62 Thanksgiving baskets to FCHUM – a special thanks to Jennifer Streicher who worked hard to make this another successful project for the Parish; Karla Murphy organized and executed the Edge Outreach Shoe Drive in early November – through the tireless efforts the Parish donated 1500 lbs. of shoes which (in addition to providing footwear) will result in a water purification system for the village; this year's Catholic at the Capitol event (hosted by The Catholic Conference of Kentucky) will be held February 6th and 7th in Frankfort – for more information and to register go to www.ccky.org; Respect Life – St. Gabriel came in 4th place in the Walk for Life in September 2011 in number of persons walking and in the amount of money raised; there is a rally in downtown Louisville sponsored by Right to Life at noon on January 23, 2012 and a rally in Frankfort on February 1, 2012 at noon in the rotunda of the Capitol building and the annual Rally for Life in Washington, D.C. is January 23, 2012; the next 40 Days for Life vigil will start Wednesday, February 22, 2012 and will go until April 1, 2012 – St. Gabriel's day is Saturday, March 24, 2012; please watch for pro-life bills that will be going through the Kentucky General Assembly such as the Ultrasound Bill; this past weekend the committee collected names for the January 22, 2012 Courier Journal full page ad marking the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade; St. Vincent DePaul – thanks to our donors at St. Gabriel SVDP's income for 2011 reached the amount that we took in during 2010; this past year the council was overwhelmed with calls and income was down 15% but in the last quarter the parish came through; the council also helped the Men's Club with the St. Nick Fund by providing names of families needing help at Christmas as well as with the shopping; the council recently helped a woman with 3 kids who had just left an abusive relationship with her husband – she moved and needed help with rent, utilities and didn't have anything for Christmas – the council was able to help with all of these which gave her some hope; the council would like to thank the members of St. Gabriel Parish for their continued support; over half of our income is in cash and we are unable to send a statement at the end of the year.

PARISH COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

- 1) Complete a census of the parish to understand demographics, gather data on skills parishioners can provide, and identify needs parishioners may have – presented by Mike McGauley – a data collection form has been developed and will be sent out to the members of the Parish along with the stewardship forms and the data collected will be turned into useful data for the Parish
- 2) Facilitate Ministry Groups co-sponsoring events – presented by Matt Scobee and Barbara Harbsmeier – a Leader's Meeting has been planned for Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7pm in the Loft; the objective of this meeting is to invite the chairperson of every group in St. Gabriel to the meeting and to allow each leader to tell what their group does and then brainstorm on ways that each group could possibly help another group; information will also

- be provided to the leaders on how to book a room and how to get their groups' events on the Parish calendar; Rhonda Becker and Janey Miller will also be helping out on this initiative
- 3) Create a Welcoming Process for new members of St. Gabriel – presented by Donna Nitishin – in the process of creating ways to welcome new members and getting them involved in the Parish
 - 4) Determine how we can improve the use of e-mail within the Parish – presented by Mike O’Neill – have identified key stakeholders of larger groups within the Parish: Technology, Athletics, Stewardship, Childcare, Men’s Club and PTSO – a meeting is going to be set up with these groups; have identified St. Margaret Mary, St. Albert the Great and St. Joseph’s Basilica in Bardstown, KY as benchmarks of parishes with comparable size to St. Gabriel and they are going to be contacted to see how they use e-mail within their Parishes
 - 5) Identify communication gaps within the Parish and multiple modes of communication we can use to close those gaps – presented by Sandy Weber – a bulletin board with the Parish Council information has been placed in the back of the Church and it has been working well; Communication Committee – responsible for staying in touch with all leaders of groups – still trying to determine whether or not we need this type of committee and a chairperson for the committee and also if we need a Communication Manager on Parish Council
 - 6) Summarize and publish the results/successes of events in the Parish and work being done by Parish Council – presented by Mike Bauer

PASTOR REMARKS:

- Charitable giving at St. Gabriel was wonderful during Christmas; there was substantial support through the St. Nick Fund, Sister Visitor, St. Vincent DePaul and FCHUM
- The Parish is doing well with the new Roman Missal Mass
- The Louisville Philippines Family had a Mass at St. Gabriel in their language with their own priest and also had a dinner – this is a Philippine tradition that happens about 8-9 days before Christmas every year

Closing Prayer – Paula Silliman

Next Parish Council Meeting – February 8, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Loft at St. Gabriel; opening prayer will be presented by Mike Bauer and closing prayer will be presented by Mark Frederick.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary