

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

Approved Parish Council Minutes – March 2, 2011

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

Opening Prayer: Andrew Kuchenbrod

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Dena Kent from the Pregnancy Resource Center was introduced as a special guest. She offered thanks to St. Gabriel for the help given to pregnant women and their families – St. Gabriel has historically made great contributions to the Pregnancy Resource Center; the center offers help and support to women facing pregnancy concentrating their outreach in five areas: pregnancy testing, peer counseling, tangible assistance through their baby closet and crib program, ultrasounds and abstinence education (individually and through in-school education); 2011 is shaping up to be an exciting year in part due to the opportunity for the center to purchase a much larger building (current building 900 square feet – new building 4000 square feet); all staff members at the center are volunteers with the exception of the Director; they are working on their annual fundraiser in that someone or a group could sponsor a table at their annual banquet – the average person sponsors a table for \$250/yr; other fundraisers include selling roses at Mother's Day after Mass and sending baby bottles home with school children to collect money to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center

A slide show presentation was presented to the parish council members by Mike O'Neil regarding the electronic sign update and recommendations that are being proposed to be placed on the St. Gabriel property. The funding for the sign has already been secured by the PTSO.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FORMATION – presented by Melissa Gunter – **Religious Education** – two events are coming up that are open to the entire parish: 1) Ash Wednesday (March 9, 2011) at 6:30pm in the cafeteria – each family will make a plan to observe the Lenten disciplines of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving and will keep track/motivate with jelly beans throughout Lent; 2) Sunday March 27, 2011 following the 8:30am Mass in the church there will be a community service for the Examination on Conscience – this will be a time to reflect and prepare ourselves for the community penance service later that afternoon at St. Bernard's; the readings and reflections will be done by our RE students and catechists; **Sunday Morning Preschool** – ends on March 27, 2011 for the year with a celebration following the 11:00am Mass in the cafeteria for the children and their parents; **Vacation Bible School** – will be July 18-22, 2011; **RCIA** – a second Catechumenate Group has been formed; four previously baptized individuals were presented at Mass for the Rite of Welcoming – these people are being prepared for full initiation at Pentecost; **Why Catholic?** – as of the end of February approximately 300 people have joined a group to explore the Sacraments in this latest Renew program; **Adult Faith Formation** – next book for discussion is HALF BROKE HORSES by Jeanette Wall on Wednesday, March 23, 2011

SOCIAL JUSTICE – presented by Matt Scobee – General – planning will soon begin for this year's *Repair Affair*; St. Vincent DePaul Committee – the committee currently has around 12 active members with a few others considering membership on the committee; in February the committee assisted 32 people – they made three home visits (less than normal) and all required help with rent, utilities and food; partnered with FCHUM on 12 cases and helped with mostly rent and water; assisted six other St. Vincent DePaul conferences or ministries helping with cases; Respect Life Committee – St. Gabriel will be participating in the 40 Days For Life on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the EMW Women's Surgical Center, 138 W. Market Street; Peggy Boone delivered a basket to the *Right to Life* office for the upcoming annual banquet on Friday, March 4, 2011; the committee will again be selling roses on Mother's Day to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center

WORSHIP – presented by Barbara Harbsmeier – the Worship Committee ordered an oil burner to burn Holy Oil – it will be used for some of our rituals during Holy Week; our Muralist, Patrick Sheehan, is going to paint our Paschal Candle this year; we will have the five year mandated meeting for Eucharistic Ministers this Spring; we are hoping to have our new Ambry in time for Holy Week

ADMINISTRATION – presented by Marcia Brey (via e-mail) – Bingo – should clear approximately \$40,000 after expenses for the month, which is better than planned – we have been running a \$10,000 raffle promotion for the first quarter months of January, February and March (typically bingo brings in \$20,000/month); Summer Festival – the picnic committee met and mainly discussed the layout of booths and what to do with the "youth" that gather impeding the play at some of the booths along the gym; Happy Acres will be contacted regarding the possibility of renting their property for parking purposes – we have permission to use properties across the street as a contingency plan to consider as an alternative parking area

YOUTH MINISTRY – presented by Allison Krebs and Andrew Kuchenbrod – Immersion Trip to Appalachia - planned for Spring Break Week – April 6-9, 2011; the group is collecting items from the parish to take with them (laundry detergent, dish detergent, anti-bacterial cleaner, glass cleaner, paper towels, facial tissue and toilet tissue) for the Auxier Food Pantry; Regional Lent Mission - March 13-16, 2011 with the youth/family night kick-off being at St. Gabriel on Sunday, March 13, 2011; St. Vincent DePaul – continue to meet with the kids on a monthly basis for fun and games; Journey to the Cross – Friday, March 26, 2011

SERVICE – No report

Fr. John reported to the Parish Council that a letter has been sent to the Archdiocese of Louisville for approval of the following projects: 1) installing a movable wall in the 7th and 8th grade area and 2) gutters for the court yard area. Planning is still in the works for adding a movable wall in the child care area and putting in a new door security system. The group recommended that Fr. John check with the Finance Committee to determine where the money will come for these projects.

Mike O'Neill informed the group that Eric Haru will be stepping down from the Parish Council due to a relocation of employment out of state. We all wish him well.

PASTOR REMARKS:

--Charitable Gaming Training – several staff members attended; Why Catholic? – approximately 300 people are attending; Men's Club – well attended and various ages represented; Fish Fry – Friday, February 25, 2011 was the first one and hoping that attendance will increase as Lent begins; Retreat – Fr. John will be attending the Louisville Archdiocese of Priests in March

CLOSING PRAYER –Mark Frederick

Next Parish Council Meeting – April 13, 2011 at 6:30pm in the teacher’s lounge at St. Gabriel School; opening prayer will be presented by Mike Bauer and closing prayer will be presented by Melissa Gunter.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary