

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

Unapproved Parish Council Minutes – May 18, 2011

Members Present: Mike Bauer, Marcia Brey, Mark Frederick, Melissa Gunter, Barbara Harbsmeier, Denise Meyer, Mike O’Neill, Matt Scobee, Angela Simmons, Fr. John Stoltz, Angie Thomas

Members Absent: Jennifer Fetz, Wendy Hensley, Allison Krebs, Andrew Kuchenbrod, Dennis Logan, Amy Shaper, Ken Stacy, Charlotte Tucker

Opening Prayer: Angela Simmons

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discernment for People interested in joining Parish Council – seven people were interested and introductions were made. Fr. John gave an overview of Parish Council and what is expected from potential members. He asked that those who are still interested in serving on Parish Council to let him know by Friday, May 20, 2011 if they wanted to keep their names in the drawing which will be Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the 8:30 am Mass.
- Barbara Glanz, Business Office Manager, gave an overview of the budget for the upcoming year. There will be a 3% tuition increase for the next school year to cover a 2% raise for staff and other rising expenses. Two items that Barbara feels the parish could better utilize for income is the printer cartridge recycling program and Kroger gift cards. There was a discussion about putting a cartridge drop box in the gathering space but no decision was made. It was decided that both of these opportunities needed to be better communicated to the parish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FORMATION – presented by Melissa Gunter – **Adult Formation** – Couples’ Night will be January 28, 2012 – no presenter has been selected as of yet; Denise Meyer will ask Fr. Jim Mudd for any suggestions since he works with Marriage Encounter; St. Patrick’s will be notified to inquire about their 2011 couples’ night; **Why Catholic?** – the committee is evaluating the comments of the Lenten program; generally the program was well received but the material is one of the items under discussion – the little black Lenten books were well used; **Roman Missal** – Denise Meyer will present a program for members of Parish Council, Worship and Formation committees on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 and Tuesday, June 14, 2011 both at 6:30pm in the Loft; dates for instructing parishioners on the changes to the Liturgy are in the planning stages; **Annual Women’s Retreat** – the Jr. High area is available Saturday, October 8, 2011 – presenter TBA; **Book Discussion** – the group will be discussing “The Third Secret” on Thursday, May 25, 2011 followed by “My Own Country” by Abraham Verghese on Wednesday, July 27, 2011; **RCIA** – four more people, all previously baptized, will be brought into the Church at Pentecost; please continue to pray for these people as they continue their spiritual journey; **GEMB** – the four parishes are planning to offer a session for parents of school-aged children led by Susan Vogt in October 2011; we are planning to collaborate where we can with Roman Missal supplies; we will offer Confirmation preparation sessions for adults at each of the parishes in rotation.

WORSHIP – presented by Barbara Harbsmeier – the committee reviewed Holy Week through Easter Sunday services and made a few minor adjustments for next year. The Paschal Candle, which was decorated by Rhonda Becker, Patrick Lynch and Muralist Patrick Sheehan, was beautiful; our Worship

Space was decorated very well; First Communion pictures looked great with Easter Lillies in the background; we look forward to working with Laura Klein, our new Music Director.

SOCIAL JUSTICE – presented by Matt Scobee – St. Vincent DePaul – St. Gabriel's St. Vincent DePaul group has seen a dramatic increase in calls but councils in areas affected by flooding and tornados have depleted the resources of the national council of St. Vincent DePaul; the national council put out an appeal asking for assistance from all conferences – St. Gabriel's council was able to send a donation from their funds and is looking for additional ways to help; Repair Affair – this year Repair Affair was added to the stewardship form and that generated a list of approximately 45 parishioners; right now we are working on getting in touch with everyone to let them know the date (June 18, 2011) and see if they are available to be a part of the team that day; Syl Schepers will be our leader again this year and Bill Hayden has also agreed to help with organizational tasks – we should be getting a list of potential projects from New Directions Housing Corporation later this week.

ADMINISTRATION – presented by Marcia Brey – Finance – everything looks good; need to remind everyone to help by working Bingo since Bingo is such a big income generator for our Parish – we have had a shortage of workers recently and we need to decide if we are soliciting a large enough pool of parishioners to help with Bingo; Building and Maintenance – Completed items: upgrades in gym, new lights in school, cleaned out attic and installed new floor, installed new carpet in the school office area; Upcoming items: boilers (working on getting 3 bids), fix water leaks in Church, fix loose boards on step to Altar, remove decorative brackets from childcare area and plug holes, install 7 feet gutters (working on getting 3 bids), install walls for Pre-K and Jr. High areas – received approval from Archbishop, install additional plugs in classrooms, install energy efficient lighting in classrooms and install new security badge system; Technology – Louisville City Council approved a design for the new LED sign – working on getting 3 quotes and will submit them to the Archbishop for approval; committee will work on taking inventory of all computers in the school and will replace 25 of the oldest computers with new ones; reviewed technology budget – part of the technology funding comes from school registration and even though the number of students at St. Gabriel has decreased slightly over the last 3 years the committee feels we are providing for all technology services needed in the school; Parish Summer Festival – planning for the picnic is ongoing; chances are going home with the school families in their registration packets and with the balance of the remaining chances for non-school families available in the gathering space in the back of Church in the month of June; letters to the Parish will go out the last week of May/1st week of June

SERVICE – No report

YOUTH MINISTRY – No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- It was decided that the Communication Survey would be pushed to another meeting due to time constraints.
- Update on Electronic Sign in front of the church was provided by Marcia Brey – the new sign will be located where the current blue and white sign is currently located; the sign has been approved and now the final bids are being accepted and reviewed; the sign will be wireless so no digging for wires will be necessary.

PASTOR REMARKS:

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- Our Deacons are given three year assignments after ordination with the option of staying – Deacon Darryl Diemer has chosen to move on and this will take place in August 2011; we wish Darryl well and we thank him for his service and especially for his excellent preaching
- Stuart Priddy will be at St. Gabriel this summer as a Transitional Deacon – Transitional Deacons are those who are preparing to be ordained priests
- Our Coordinator of Religious Education for Children, Betsy O’Neill, has been hired to teach our new 3 year old program starting this summer. We have hired Cyndi Marlow, our Formation Secretary, as Coordinator of Religious Education for Children
- The Washington D.C. trip with the 8th grade class was a real joy and we had perfect weather and great kids.
- Fr. Jim Mudd and Fr. John Stoltz will be attending the annual Priest’s assembly June 6-9, 2011.
- Our Parish warmly congratulates Bishop-Elect Chuck Thompson, who was named Bishop for the Diocese of Evansville; Fr. John will be attending the ordination in late June 2011; The Archdiocese of Louisville will have a farewell Mass for him on June 21, 2011 at 5pm at the Cathedral of the Assumption; his parents are parishioners of St. Bernard
- Matthew Hardesty would like to come back to St. Gabriel to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 5, 2011 at the 12:30pm Mass
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Closing Prayer – Mark Frederick

Next Parish Council Meeting – June 8, 2011 in the Loft; opening prayer will be presented by Marcia Brey and closing prayer will be presented by Matt Scobee.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fetz, Secretary.