

Saint Gabriel Parish

Meeting Minutes for Parish Council on September 28, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:35pm.

Opening Prayer – Administration/Finance Commission

Attendance: Marty Spencer (Chair of Parish Council), Troy Mason (Vice Chair), Keith Charbonneau, Chris Kaczynski, Father Marc, Kelly Hadd (Education Commission), Bob Huskins (Administration/Finance Commission), Karen Kohler (Christian Service Commission), Heather A. Jennings (Worship Commission); Clark Switalski (School Principal), Janet Woronoff (Bookkeeper), Kim Grant (Parish Secretary), Sue LeVasseur (Music Director), Guest: Nick Jennings,

Excused Members: Dave Krawczyk, Jerry Grzegorzczak, Nate Pfenniger

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Chair: Marty Spencer will continue to be Chair, serving term two. All in attendance approved.

Secretary: No one volunteered to be secretary. We will continue to look for a secretary within our group and or continue to look for new members who would be willing to be secretary.

Old Business:

Discussed how the picnic went. We had approximately 278 people who went through the registration table. All notes of picnic should be submitted to the parish office.

Committee Reports:

Education/Formation Commission: Kelly Hadd

Would like a staff member to be on commission. Would like to have school principal or another representative from school to give update to commission. Had one new member join. Children's liturgy starts this weekend at church. Baptism this weekend also. Looking into possibly sponsoring a Grief Recovery Group at Parish. Hosting an "adult" faith night November 4th at church in the social hall. There will be a meal, formations, games and beverages. December 3rd will be a "Women's" Advent Candlelight event which will involve prayer and a guest speaker. Planning a Family Faith night at church which will include all parishioners.

Worship Commission: Heather Jennings

Anointing of the Sick: October 21st/22nd

Remembrance Weekend: October 28th/29th, looking for help that weekend for masses. Chris K and Karen K volunteered to help.

Administration/Finance Commission: Bob Huskins

Asked Parish Secretary to put in bulletin that commission is looking for a couple of qualified individuals.

Still having water pressure problems between the rectory, boiler room and the parish center. Looking into the possibility for having a solar field on church property. Will be looking into new mower purchase after they get new lawn person for East Campus.

Corporation Board meeting on October 26th at Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Marc, Bob, Marty and Janet. Budget update, collections down but as expected, overall, on pace to hit budget. Question asked about West Campus, no new information but maintaining West Campus cost the parish around \$30,000.00 per year.

Christian Service Commission Presentation: Karen Koehler

Lost one member but have another ready to join.

Blood drive October 11.

Coffee and Donuts and flu shots after both masses October 14th & 15th.

Giving Tree would like to do same six charities as last year.

Mustard Seed Shelter, Saginaw.

Covenant Kids through Covenant Hospital.

Life Clinic

Emmaus House

St. Gabriel Food Pantry

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Auburn branch.

Fr. Marc Staff Report

Will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month for our regularly scheduled commission meetings.

Would like each member of the Parish Council to bring their top 5 needs they think St. Gabriel's Parish needs. Please number them in order of importance. Please bring list to the next scheduled meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Baptism – October 1st, during mass

Pet Blessing for St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day, after school on Wednesday October 4th ~ 2:24pm, all is welcome to bring their pet(s).

First Thursday of month mass at 6:30pm and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

Blood Drive Wednesday October 11th, 1:30pm – 6:30pm.

Coffee Donuts and Flu shots October 14th & 15th after masses.

Anointing of the Sick masses October 21st & 22nd

Remembrance Weekend masses October 28th & 29th

*Prayer will be led by Parish Council

A motion to adjourn meeting giving by Bob Huskins and seconded by Kelly Hadd. The motion passed.

Submitted by Marty Spencer