

Saint Gabriel Parish

Meeting Minutes for Parish Council on June 6th, 2024

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, Dave Krawczyk, Chris Kaczynski, Jerry Grzegorzczuk, Monica Hus, Father Marc, Bob Huskins (Administration/Finance Commission),Heather A. Jennings (Worship Commission),Karen Koehler(Christian Service Commission), Kelly Hadd (Education Commission)

Excused Members: Nate Pfenninger

New Business:

New members Carmen Szilagyi & Monica Hus. A motion was given by Chris Kaczynski and seconded by Bob Huskins to approve Carmen and Monica as Parish Council members. The motion was approved by membership. We welcome Carmen and Monica to the Parish Council.

Funeral Policy: Discussion of logistics on how funerals could resume at St. Anthony's. How the building may be prepped and ready for funerals.

Rescue Project, Alpha, formed: St. Gabriel's parish will purchase a subscription for a year from Formed. Father Marc will send a link out for Rescue Project and Alpha and is asking members to watch videos and let him know what we think of the material. Father Marc's vision is to have tools and resources all year and to use it in small groups to build trust and community.

Committee Reports:

Education/Formation Commission: Kelly Hadd

The June meeting for this commission was not moved from the original date, so the commission will be meeting next week. However, a subcommittee from the Education Commission did meet with Fr. Marc on June 4 to discuss how we might support parish formation needs in the absence of a DRE and actions will be taken over the summer to keep things moving forward.

Worship Commission: Heather Jennings

We are waiting to see the assignment for the annual picnic.

Christian Service Commission: Karen Koehler

Christian Service members are all set to pass out candy bars for Father's Day Weekend.

Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 12 at the St. Anthony's Site. Please consider donating.

Christian Service discussed games for Parish Picnic on September 8. We will order inflatables for the children. Balloon Person and Bubble Person will also be available for the children. No goodie bags will be handed out this year. We will have several yard games (bean bag toss / ladder game) for adults.

We have been asked to help the Worship Commission with kitchen help. Thanks to all for consideration

Administration/Finance Commission: Bob Huskins

Mark LeVasseur – Maintenance – While we were doing the tile abatement and replacement in the school and front door lobby area, we reviewed the cafeteria and rest of front side hall to the cafeteria from the front door. It is in poor condition and could also be replaced while we have the environmental abatement people working on the building. This would save us money soon by combining and doing it at the same time. The additional abatement is approximately \$3,000 and then the tile for \$19,000. The whole building, except the church proper floor would have the newer tile, it was approved that the additional cost was not to exceed \$24,000 total. Several different tile colors were compared to the current gym wall colors, and the more color astute members picked the appropriate tile color, and we would now not have to worry about the asbestos exposure in the building.

The new privacy fence for Fr Marc at the rectory will be done by K.J.T. for \$15,395. This was the lowest bid among the 3 companies and will be installed soon. The fence would be approximately 270 foot long, 6 foot tall and fiber for privacy, and not chain link, with a double 6-foot access gate. I am surprised that some parishioners thought that Fr. Marc should pay for a fence at the rectory. We had talked some time ago about putting up a fence for Fr. Tom, but he said let's wait and see, as he had his cottage to go to.

Nate is working at the West Campus gym with acoustical sound problem. The gym is approximately 60 foot by 80 foot, and we are looking at 1,200 square foot of acoustical tile for approximately \$3 per square foot and will probably install it ourselves with volunteers before the heavy use of the gym begins again this fall. This was recommended by Tri-City Acoustical as a solution.

The Budget for the coming physical year 2024 – 2025, July through June, was approved after some discussion and several small modifications. The budget is up slightly to \$1,356,624 income and \$1,348,305 in expenses, for a small excess of slightly over

\$8,000. This is a 2.1% increase in income / giving, but a \$94,600 or a 7.5% increase in expenses. We must realize that the cost of everything is increasing, and our church is not exempt.

May Month end Financial Reports. We had a down month with collections and donations from parish members falling below projected / budgeted funds, keeping us on track to be slightly under budget for donations for the year. Staff, especially Clark, have done a great job finding one-time funds to help the school obtain needed resources to continue the great educational program we have here at St Gabriel's. We want to thank our parish members for their continued support. The school budget is on track.

CMA update – We are at 85% of our revised goal of \$63,115, with \$53,476 pledged, and \$49,964 paid from 46% of our parish. Remember the Lord's work at the Diocese also needs your funding help, and if we do not meet our goal for assistance to the diocese, our parish will be billed for the difference.

Parish Picnic update. Sunday September 8th. We will oversee clean-up after the Picnic. Nate will have copies of our responsibilities and share this with you.

The Parish Finance Council will have several open positions and we are looking for volunteers who want to be involved with the operation and financial side of our parish. This is an important area, we have some very good people, but we need several more to help and work with Nat Bock, who will be the chairman for the coming year, and Mel Pfenninger will continue as secretary. His details are super. This is a great group of people, come join them and see the work they are doing behind the scenes to keep the physical and financial part of the parish moving in a positive direction.

IV. Parish Council Mission & Purpose:

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

JOHN 10:10

Mission

Attract souls, change hearts and send them out as disciples of Jesus Christ

Purpose

The Council shall collaborate with the Pastor to define annual goals that will help achieve the Parish's long-term goals. The Parish Council is to assist the Pastor by making recommendations about major initiatives within St. Gabriel Parish. These initiatives are the service of building a community of disciples who recognize their baptismal calls to lives of holiness, witness and service.

A motion was given by Dave Krawczyk and seconded by Karen Koehler to accept the Mission and Purpose statement. The motion was approved by membership.

V. Parish Picnic

Packets were given out to each commission with a detailed list of tasks to complete for the parish picnic. A parish picnic planning meeting will be August 6th at 6:30pm at the parish center. If it is nice outside, we will have the meeting outside. Each commission head is required to attend. Parish council members can attend. It is a good meeting to learn more about what all is involved from start to finish with the picnic.

VI. Open Discussion & remaining agenda items:

Father Marc would like the council to attend a summer retreat. This would be for the Parish Council members. He would like to be ideally an overnight stay and would like it to be an annual event. For this year, because of short notice, we may only meet for an afternoon into evening.

Finally, a big thank you to members who are retiring or term limiting out. The Parish Council appreciates the time and effort you gave!

A motion was given to adjourn the meeting by Kelly Hadd and seconded by Chris Kaczynski at 8:55pm. The motion to adjourn was approved by membership.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 5th @ 7:30pm.

Prayer led by: Education/Formation Commission

Submitted by Marty Spencer (Chair)