

St. Gabriel Pastoral Council Minutes

September 28, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Parish Conference Room, St. Gabriel Parish

Attendees: Casey Auer, Mark Blenker, Deacon Tom Gritton, Beth Knapinski, Sara Van Frachen, Tom Kropidowski, Fr. Bob Kollath, Mike Van Dyke, Steve Pable

MINUTES

1. Welcome Home Weekend Follow Up – Deacon Tom
 1. Dilly Bar giveaway went well. Only 25 left after Masses and went to Sunday night religious education.
 2. Good fellowship following Masses, with people staying and eating the Dilly Bars and/or donuts (after Sunday morning Masses.)
 3. Coffee and donuts are going well. Free will offering seems to be bringing in additional money.
2. Worship Committee – Deacon Tom
 1. Committee is working on the next liturgical season and on an Advent theme.
 2. Speaker series is planned out and confirmed every month through end of May 2022 – Beth Knapinski, Sara Schumann, Meredith Lauer, Melissa Gritton, Priest and Mike Lauer, Michael (Global Outreach student and Lori Gritton – among upcoming speakers.) Childcare and food needed.
 3. New linen cloths for eight liturgical seasons were purchased and are being used. New linens were paid for by donations. Old ones will be burned on September 29 after CFC welcome back Mass.
 4. Parish is looking for music coverage for Christmas season, due to music director's maternity leave/due date in December.
3. Faith Formation Committee – Deacon Tom
 1. The committee has met twice and will continue meeting on a regular basis.
 2. The goal of committee is to look at the program as a whole – what are we doing well and what are we missing; set goals/vision, not direct programming.
 3. Committee is meant to be temporary (6-12 months) and offer advisement and recommendations back to parish for implementation.
 4. There are five RCIA candidates beginning the program this year at St. Gabriel.
4. Youth Ministry – All
 1. Council discussed difference between youth ministry and religious education and St. Gabriel Parish strategy, direction, and resources.
 2. Youth ministry at St. Gabriel Parish is exploring the need for a more permanent physical space for youth ministry at the parish, along with programming.
5. One by One Campaign – Fr. Bob
 1. The diocesan One by One Campaign has launched.
 2. Fr. Bob is making phone calls, meeting with parishioners/donors, campaign leaders, etc. The parish is looking for volunteers to assist with the campaign (making phone calls, following up with prospective donors, etc.)

3. To date, the campaign is at 38% of its goal of \$950,000 (with 21 donors pledging a total of more than \$300,000.)
6. What is God Calling St. Gabriel to Do? Vision Formation – All
 1. Council discussed and reviewed the draft of the Parish Mission Planning document.
 2. Gabriel (parish database) and its updating, use, and resourcefulness were discussed to maximize its effectiveness.
 3. Efforts to engage parish community in greater stewardship (talent, time, treasure) opportunities were discussed.
7. Building and Grounds Committee Update – Mike V.
 1. The roof project has been nearly completed. The finishing metal trim is on backorder and will be arriving in the next month or two.
 2. Rectory crawlspace being renovated due to water and structural issues. Contractor and volunteers are working on the project.
 3. The parish is addressing the replacement circuit breaker; Pat Jensen volunteering time/working with We Energies to complete this project.