

St. Gabriel the Archangel Pastoral Council Minutes

October 26, 2021, 7 p.m.

Parish Conference Room, St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Present: Steve Pable, Sara VanFrachen, Tom Kropidlowski, Fr. Bob Kollath, Deacon Tom Gritton, Lisa Blenker, Casey Auer, Tom Klinkhammer, Mike Van Dyke, Meredith Lauer, Beth Knapinski

- I. Youth Ministry Update – Meredith Lauer
 - Expanded upon parish youth ministry vision
 - Presented proposal and explanation for needing physical dedicated gathering space for youth ministry
 - Location for dedicated space TBD but reviewed music/choir room as possibility
 - Youth ministry asked to budget for upcoming and future youth ministry needs as separate line item
- II. Overview of Missionary Discipleship Seminars
 - Parish staff attended seminars at Resch Expo Center, Green Bay in October 2021
 - Three-day missionary discipleship intensive seminar
 - Seminar for parish staffs; six from St. Gabriel staff attended
 - Focus on prayer, sharing, and interacting and heart of why we do what we do as Catholics
 - Called to build an internal/organizational culture of prayer, help people encounter Jesus by living out the parish mission
 - Transition from maintenance parish vs. missionary discipleship parish
 - Being and doing vs. merely learning
 - Train up leaders and lay people to missionary disciples
 - St. Gabriel Parish staff meeting structure has changed to transition to building this missionary discipleship culture. Operational all-staff meeting will be every other week, and the other week will have focused prayer/missionary opportunities for parish staff.
 - How does St. Gabriel Parish build up this culture and train missionary discipleship?
 - Teach people how to share their testimony/witness to the faith
 - Explore having prayer partners available after Mass
 - Continue (and enhance) monthly speaker series
 - Integrate with parish mission planning
 - Equip people to be leaders (Do they have the tools? Do they have the foundational skills and relationship with Jesus?)
 - Host stewardship fair/gifted and called day
 - Ensure parish database/software is up to date
 - Parish exploring opportunity for seminar/leaders to come to the parish to lead similar programming for council, trustees, and parish members
- III. Committee Reports (Building and Grounds, Worship, Stewardship, Faith Formation)

- Building and Grounds
 - Roof is sealed but waiting on trim to complete the project.
 - Switchgear needing to be upgraded and will cost about \$150,000.
 - Worship
 - Next meeting date TBD
 - Working on Advent season
 - Sacristy is being cleaned out and organized.
 - Christmas Season (Christmas Eve – Friday; Christmas – Saturday 9 a.m.; Holy Family/Sunday – Sunday)
 - RCIA
 - Five people are participating this year.
 - As of meeting date, four sessions had been complete.
 - Faith Formation
 - Third meeting is on October 27.
 - Deacon Tom and Fr. Bob discussing direction for committee’s work.
 - Demographic (between confirmation and into 30s/40s) has been identified as a needed focus.
 - Committee is focusing on big picture strategy vs. detailed programs, etc.
 - Question from committee has arisen and recommendation pending whether a parish staff hire is needed to lead this work.
 - Stewardship
 - Craft Sale
 - Kris Rubbert looking for updates, ideas
 - \$7,100 made (admissions fee, table costs)
 - 700+ attendees
 - Planning and event information needs to be shared and stored with parish office, not only with volunteer lead.
 - Tom K. reported on food sales and format.
 - Volunteers from St. Mary Catholic Middle School
 - Profited hundreds of dollars
 - Will try for food truck next year
- IV. One by One Campaign
- 50 gifts, \$570,000 raised to-date
 - Bishop visited and reviewed plan this weekend, and he offered some suggestions but was pleased overall.
- V. November Meeting Date
- November 16, 2021 – tentative next meeting date
 - Fr. Bob and Lori following up with the diocese for missionary discipleship programming

Prayer and Adjournment