

St. Gabriel the Archangel Pastoral Council Minutes

November 16, 2021, 7 p.m.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish

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

MINUTES

I. Prayer – Steve P.

1. Led Council through Lectio Divina
2. Council reflected on and shared the readings as a group

II. Missionary Discipleship – Steve P. and Fr. Bob

- Review effort as parish to transform from a maintenance parish to a missionary discipleship parish
- Diocese of Green Bay “Disciples on the Way” distributed for Council members to review in preparation and for discussion during January 2022’s meeting
- Invite diocesan leaders to lead missionary discipleship workshop(s) at St. Gabriel for joint Parish and Finance Council members, as well as interested parishioners
 - Parish office staff reaching out to diocese
 - Parish reviewing potential date(s) for January 2022, multiple Saturday morning options, etc.

III. One By One Campaign Update

- As of meeting date, pledges and donations total \$786,000 from 100+ donors, about 80-85% to goal.
- Pledge cards were handed out on Leadership Weekend in November and encouraged to be returned Weekend of November 20/21.
- Fr. Bob and committee working to close out pending asks in the coming month(s).
- Fr. Bob seeking input on approach to parish for Bishop’s Appeal ask for 2022.
- Building plans and construction are beginning
 - Complete Shrine to Mary before December 8
 - Cry room/parents’ room will follow next.

IV. Faith Formation Committee – Steve P.

- Meeting held on November 15.

- Discussion is centering around potential young adult ministry hire shared among the five Neenah-Menasha parishes, as well as small groups within the parish and among parishioners.

V. Building and Grounds Committee Update – Mike V.

- One by One campaign construction beginning.
- St. Gabriel campus space study will be done on December 10, 2021.
 - University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh completing study pro bono/part of graduate project.
 - Study includes entire campus and will include representatives from parish, school, etc.
- Sidewalk/curb near church carport entrance has been fixed, shaven down to make it more navigable and easily accessible for those with mobility limitations.
- Switchgear replacement project discussion continues.
 - Project to start in summer 2022.
 - Pat Jensen to assist with electrical work/advisement.
 - Finance Council to discuss funds to cover cost in January 2022 meeting.

VI. Worship Committee Update – Fr. Bob

- Advent theme of peace beginning developed.
- Advent booklet is available in the back of church for all parishioners.
- Church décor will be simple, yet beautiful, throughout Advent and Christmas.
- Christmas Mass scheduled changed, with only one 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve in the church (instead of two with one in the Allen Center too.)

VII. Christian Service and Living Justice Committee Update – Tom K.

- Food drive/bags are available and being returned in the back of church for food pantries.
- Giving Tree to be up in the coming weeks, benefitting Boys' and Girls Brigade giving program, Angel Program for children of incarcerated parents, etc.
- School may be doing a drive (baby items?) as well.

II. Meeting Adjourned – 8:20 p.m. (No December meeting.)