

St. Gabriel the Archangel Pastoral Council Minutes

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January 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Fr. Bob Kollath, Deacon Tom Gritton, Steve Pable, Tom Kropidlowski, Lisa Blenker, Casey Auer, Beth Knapinski

Excused: Mike Van Dyke, Sara Van Frachen, Tom Klinkhammer, Mary Koslowski

1. **Opening Prayer:** Father Bob
2. **Missionary Discipleship:** Father Bob
 - a. Reviewed and discussed *Disciples on the Way | Follow Jesus* handout from the diocese
 - b. Where are we as a parish? Areas for opportunity?
 - i. More formation opportunities to help others disciple others
 - ii. Seek to “connect to inspire,” a value outlined in the handout
 - iii. Move the parish together to become/as missionary disciples
 - c. The ultimate goal is to move from a maintenance to missionary disciple parish
 - d. Steve Pable to reach out to diocese to lead missionary discipleship workshop at St. Gabriel with finance council, parish council, and staff
 - i. Reviewing Saturday morning options
 - ii. February 12 or 19, 2022
 - e. Promote, invite parishioners to attend, or take group from parish to upcoming Called and Gifted workshop at St. Raphael Parish (Oshkosh) – March 12, 2022
3. **Parish Lent Plans:** Father Bob, Steve Pable, Deacon Tom
 - a. Lenten Communications
 - i. Lenten mailing going out in the coming weeks with info featuring Lenten activities, Mass and Reconciliation times, etc.
 - ii. Stuffer to be sent with annual giving contribution reports to parishioners
 - b. Lenten Calendar
 - i. Calendar in development to feature ideas for daily offerings, prayers, and/or sacrifices for the penitential season
 - ii. Distribution plan for calendar is a mailing and copies available in Stingle Hall for pick up after Masses
 - c. Lenten Activities
 - i. Bible study continuing (Thursday, morning and evening)
 - ii. Speaker series continuing
 1. The Power of Reconciliation (March 14, 2022)
 2. Easter from the Jungle (April 11, 2022)
 - iii. Stations of the Cross (Fridays, 6:30 p.m.)
 - iv. Fish Fries and bingo – TBD
 - d. RCIA
 - i. Three candidates this year
 - ii. Presented to parish at 10 a.m. Mass on 01/23/2022

- iii. Will be received into the Church at Easter Vigil Mass
 - e. Other Mass and worship updates
 - i. New process regarding homebound communion distributors, pyx with addition of blessing following communion at Masses
 - ii. St. Michael the Archangel prayer will be added at the conclusion of all Masses starting in Lent.
 - iii. Mass will continued to be livestreamed for the foreseeable future.
- 4. **Buildings and Grounds: Mike**
 - a. Finances
 - i. Ahead of budget \$65,000+
 - ii. Envelope giving is strong
 - b. Vision project
 - i. Work has begun
 - ii. Chapel, confessional, and Marian devotional area should be complete by end of January.
 - iii. Other major pieces are on order.
 - c. Switchgear
 - i. Proposal in hand from WE Energies
 - ii. Equipment to be ordered soon with planned install in summer.
 - d. Five-year capital plan is in the works, which include boiler replacement estimates.
 - e. Building space study is in progress
 - i. Held group meeting with stakeholders in December
 - ii. Awaiting current space usage data from each stakeholder group
- 5. **St. Gabriel 2022 Fundraisers: Father Bob**
 - a. Fundraisers
 1. All events being evaluated
 2. Seeking mission alignment of all events
 3. More details will be available on direction in the coming months
 - b. Bishop's Appeal
 1. Bishop's Appeal is happening
 2. St. Gabriel Parish assessment increased for 2022
 3. Diocese owns major promotion of if, including direct solicitation mailing
 3. Fr. Bob will introduce the campaign with the diocesan video during Mass, inclusion in the bulletin, etc. but due to recent One by One Campaign asks, major/parish-based promotion will be limited
- 6. **Update on Five Parishes Trustee/Pastor Meetings - Adult Faith Formation: Father Bob, Mike**
 - a. Continue to meet
 - b. Looking at position for adult faith formation shared between the parishes
 - c. February 8, 2022, 7 p.m. – all councils at SMCMS
- 7. **Committee Updates: Worship, Faith Formation, Social Concerns**
 - a. Social Concerns Committee
 - i. Committee raised money from parish (and St. Margaret Mary Parish) in 2020 for event but never happened due to COVID

- ii. Event rescheduled but cancelled again and seeking input on what to do with the money – hold off and try to reschedule the event again or give money to other hunger relief organization (ex: CRS Rice Bowls)
 - iii. Council advised seeking to reschedule event to respect donor intent and have opportunity for community service spirit of the meal pack event
 - b. Worship Committee
 - i. Last met on January 23
 - ii. Lent plans (see #3 above) discussed
 - iii. Reviewed Christmas 2021 season
 - 1. Overall satisfaction with worship during that season
 - 2. Positive feedback re: only having one Mass at 4:30 p.m. (in the church) on Christmas Eve
 - c. Faith Formation Committee
 - i. Last met January 17
 - ii. Committee to present a new hire/staff recommendation to finance council and parish council
 - 1. A full-time position for director of liturgy and evangelization
 - a. Create opportunities, boots on the ground
 - b. Help with efforts to move us from a maintenance to missionary parish
 - c. Adult, family-minded focus
 - d. Will be required to be a St. Gabriel Parish member
 - e. Working on job description for February meeting
 - 2. Five Neenah-Menasha parishes and school system are also working to hire a joint/shared director of adult faith formation
 - d. Stewardship Committee
 - i. Awaiting new hire/role update (see 6c1) and direction before making stewardship or fundraising changes
 - ii. Seeking to ensure that structures serve the mission
- 8. Next Meeting February 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.