

St. Gabriel the Archangel Pastoral Council Minutes

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February 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Mary Koslowski, Father Bob, Casey Auer, Deacon Tom, Mike Van Dyke, Tom Klinkhammer, Sara Van Frachen, Tom Kropidlowski

Excused: Lisa/Mark Blenker, Beth Knapinski

1. **Opening Prayer:** Father Bob
2. **Missionary Discipleship:** Father Bob
 - a. Reviewed and discussed *Unpacking Missionary Discipleship* handout from the diocese
 - b. 1. Discover Jesus, 2. Follow Jesus, 3. Worship Jesus, 4. Share Jesus
 - c. Where are each of us in these stages-are we disciples or missionary disciples?
 - d. Hardest stage for most of us is the Share Jesus stage - how to equip and send others on mission to evangelize and make disciples.
 - e. Having a relationship with Jesus should precede catechesis
 - f. Alpha was one example of a program that helped people have a relationship with Jesus.
 - g. Small groups are great, but we have to expand them and encourage them to multiply
3. **How do we go about this Parish Conversion to Missionary Discipleship?**
 - a. The goal is a whole parish conversion from being focused on maintenance to being focused on mission. This will take time.
4. **Maintenance to Mission – March 5 Event:** Steve and Sara.
 - a. Everyone in the parish is invited.
 - b. Presenters will come from the Diocese.
 - c. This will be a “taste” of the full 3-day experience on how to be missionary disciples that the staff underwent in the fall of 2021
 - d. Then Entrust Collective will be offered for anyone who would like to participate.
5. **New Position Recommendation:** Deacon Tom
 - a. St. Gabriel Faith Formation Committee has been meeting for the past year. They are going to recommend a full time Liturgy and Evangelization position (job title TBD). Deacon Tom presented this position to Parish Council and will present to Finance council.
 - b. This person would ideally be instrumental in the culture change from maintenance to mission.
 - c. Ideally the person hired would be available on weekends to be at masses.

- d. Role would also include equipping others to become leaders in the church.
 - e. Person will need to coordinate efforts among volunteers.
 - f. Ideally this person would start at the same time as the Five Parish Adult Formation Position.
 - g. St. Gabriel could apply for a grant from the diocese foundation to get a grant to help for our parish position. Also, there would be 15 hours from Deacon's role as liturgist that would be rolled into this position.
 - h. Parish council gives conditional approval advising Father Bob pursue this position pending job description will be emailed out to parish council for review. This will be reviewed at upcoming Finance Council meeting as well.
6. **Committee Reports:**
- a. Building/Grounds-Mike V, parish finances ahead, working toward goal of Bishop's Appeal. Vision work update. Working on proxy for phase II. New organ will be in phase II. Space study in progress.
 - b. Worship-see below
 - c. Social Concerns-Help for the Homeless drive in progress, CRS Rice Bowls will be set out before Ash Wednesday
 - d. Stewardship-Have not met. Waiting to see what Maintenance to Mission goals are to determine their mission statement.
7. **Lent Activities:**
- a. Lent Activities-Burning palms with school children, mailing will go out to families with all Lent activities, activities for families specifically to do each day will be in mailing as well as bulletin this weekend
 - b. Fish Fry and Bingo March 4, 11, April 1, 8 including Stations of the Cross